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INCREASE IN ENROLLMENT FOR THIRD CONSECUTIVE YEAR

Coffee County BOE approves 8.5% pay increase

by Marvin McLwain
Editor

During a special called meeting last Thursday, members of the Coffee County Board of Education heard that all went well as county schools started classes on August 16th.

There was also some good news for teachers and support personnel employed by the county school system. They will be receiving a 8.5% increase in pay.

Superintendent Clayton Bryant presented the board with a revised salary schedule for county school employees, both professional and support personnel.

Although board members hesitated in approving the new schedule

which included a state mandated pay raise, they really had no choice in the matter.

In making his presentation, Bryant said, "I know that you may feel that that takes local control away from you and I agree with you 100 percent."

"But again, I don't think that we have options where that is concerned. We have called and asked that specific question!"

Board Member Danny Jernigan expressed the feelings of the board.

"My question is not with the amount of money, but the fact that it is coming out of the local pile," Jernigan said.

"I want to give these guys all we can give them...but I don't like somebody in Montgomery spending

our money for us - that is wrong!" "There is nothing that we can really do except talk to our local legislators," said Board Chairman Virgil Coleman.

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Danny Jernigan

"According to the pay raise bill, there will be an 8.5% pay raise for each employee who had worked the previous year," said Bryant.

The percentage will be of employee's total salary and not just the state allocation for their specific job.

According to the new schedule, support personnel will receive whichever is greater, the 8.5% increase or a minimum of \$1,000.00.

Built into the new salary schedule is a 10-step increment plan. Employees will receive the increase each year for 10 years until the maximum amount is reached. The schedule

also provides additional allocations for instructors with AA and doctorate certification.

After voicing their frustrations for several minutes, board members approved the new 1994-95 salary schedule.

Board members also approved some adjustments made in personnel due to increased enrollment in the county's schools. There were changes made in both professional and support employees.

Bryant informed board members that enrollment in county schools was up about 100 students over last year. He noted that this is the third year in a row that county schools have experienced an increase in enrollment.

Other matters addressed by the board were as follows:

***Approved attendance by the county schools' Migrate Program coordinator and recruiter to a work shop in Clearwater, FL.

***Board members informed that football season for county schools begins Friday night, September 2.

***Noted that the next board meeting will be held Monday, September 12th.



ELBA LIONS CLUB HEARS ABOUT PEA RIVER...A representative from the Choctawhatchee-Pea Rivers Watershed Management Authority (CPRWMA) addressed the club on Tuesday evening, August 23rd. K. H. (Chuck) Agar, Ph. D., a registered professional engineer, spoke to the group concerning the goals of the authority which are: to develop a water-resource management plan to conserve water quality, enhance water availability without environment disturbance and to ensure that management programs are maintained in perpetuity. Mr. Agar also passed out a meteorological summary of the weather events from July 3, 1994 to July 8, 1994 - the flooding! The group was also given an up-date and overview of the proposed installation of a basin-wide flood warning system - ALERT (Automated Local Evaluation in Real Time). ALERT (or any other flood warning system) does not offer greater protection to real property. However, it will offer greater protection to human life since a more accurate prediction of floods and a longer preparation period will be provided.

Officer Harry Laird pleads not guilty to criminal trespassing charges

New Brockton Police Officer Harold Laird entered a plea of not guilty to the charges of first degree criminal trespass.

Laird's plea was recorded in an initial appearance before District Judge Thomas Head on Tuesday, August 23rd.

Originally, the hearing had been scheduled for 10 a.m. Thursday, but Laird appeared before Judge Head on Tuesday and requested that he be granted a hearing earlier. The judge honored his request.

Laird's arrest came after a warrant was signed by a New Brockton resident, Nancy Carley. In the warrant, she alleges that the police officer illegally entered her residence on June 20th.

Mrs. Carley had registered her complaint earlier (August 1) during a meeting of the New Brockton

Town Council. After a closed door session, the council was deadlocked on the firing of Laird; however, they did agree to have the matter investigated.

After Laird was arrested on Friday (he came in on his own) August 12, he was reportedly suspended from the New Brockton Police Department with pay.

New Brockton Mayor Kathryn Holley, Police Chief Charles Driggers and members of the town council have all refused comment on the matter.

Laird was released from Coffee County Jail on the same day of his arrest on a \$300 bond.

The criminal trespass charge is a Class A misdemeanor, punishable by not more than one year in jail and/or a fine of up to \$2,000.00.

LETTER WRITTEN TO CHANCELLOR GAINOUS

Spicer urges consideration of ESJC's value

Terry Spicer, Democratic nominee for the State House of Representatives from Coffee County today asked Dr. Fred Gainous, Chancellor of the Alabama Department of Post Secondary Education, to resist efforts to merge ESJC with other area colleges. The request was made in a letter to Gainous.

Spicer cited what he called the "special value" of ESJC to the people of Coffee County in asking for

the Chancellor's consideration.

Through the years there has been a heavy and rewarding mutual support between our community and ESJC. Both Coffee County and our junior college have prospered together," Spicer wrote.

Spicer said that recent changes in the leadership of the school coupled with the ongoing need of Post Secondary Education to run a well-managed program could motivate Gain-

ous and his staff to make significant changes in the governance of ESJC. Recognizing this possibility, Spicer says he wrote the Chancellor to urge caution.

"You can't just consider ESJC a collection of buildings and facilities," Spicer said. "The identity of ESJC and the identity of Coffee County and its residents is entwined. I just want the Chancellor and his staff to consider that fact when they make decisions affecting the school."

Spicer's letter to Gainous explicitly asks for consideration on two points: "Specifically, I hope you will resist any effort to merge ESJC with other area two-year colleges which could totally change the identity of our school. Further, in selecting officials to replace recently departed school officials, I hope you will select leadership who have the well-being and future of ESJC at heart."

Spicer and his wife are both alumna of ESJC.

* * HAPPENINGS * *

BUCKLE UP - YOURSELF & CHILDREN During the month of September, the Elba Police Department will be emphasizing the use of child restraints and seat belts. According to the law, children under the age of six must be secured in an approved car seat or safety restraining device while riding in a vehicle. Children over the age of six years, as well as adults, must have their seat belts fastened while riding in an automobile, van or truck. Tickets will be written for failing to do so. Fines could be in excess of \$100.

FOOTBALL SEASON BEGINS Friday night, September 2, Elba travels to Troy to take on Charles Henderson High; Zion Chapel plays Houston Academy at Home (ZC); New Brockton travels to Arlton; Kinston is in Preport FL; and Brantley is at home against Daleville. Starting time for all games is 7:30 p.m.

CITY HALL TO BE CLOSED Elba City Hall will be closed Monday, Sept. 5, 1994, in observance of Labor Day. Emergency crews for water, electric and street departments will be on standby status. For any emergency, call the Elba Police Department at 897-2555. There will be no city garbage or trash pick up on Monday, Sept. 5. Monday's route will run on Tuesday, Sept. 6, and Tuesday's route will run on Wednesday, Sept. 7. County garbage collection will continue as usual.

CONNECT & DISCONNECT POLICY Effective Thursday, September 1, 1994, the Elba Water & Electric Department will require a 24-hour notice for connects and disconnects of water and electric meters. Notice WILL NOT be given for disconnects of non-payment. Hours for this service will be from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

GOVERNOR'S HOTLINE Gov. Jim Folsom has set up a hotline in his office as a service to Alabama residents. Callers can make requests, comments or learn what state agencies might be able to help with a specific problem. The toll free number is 1-800-591-4217 and will be staffed from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Elba Police Department breaks up small scale forgery ring

Elba police investigators broke up a small scale forgery ring after several weeks of investigation with the arrest of two Troy men and one from Elba.

Arrested were Gary Evans, age 32, and Derrick Coleman, age 23, who both gave their address as 100 Rose Circle in Troy, AL. Also arrested was Ellis Paul Warren, age 29, of Rt. 5, Elba, AL.

All three men were arrested on Wednesday, August 24th. The chain of events leading to the arrest of the trio began about a month ago. The subjects allegedly stole numerous blank checks from two people who reside in the Elba-Troy area.

The checks were written, victims' signatures forged and then they were cashed at a local Elba business. At the time of the three arrests, checks had been written/forged totalling approximately \$1,500.00.

It is unknown, at this time, if there are other victims.

Evans, Coleman and Warren were transported to the Coffee County Jail where they were booked and their bonds ranged from \$1,000 to \$2,500 on each count.

The charges of 2nd degree criminal possession of a forged instrument and 2nd degree forgery are both class C felonies and are punishable by a prison term of 1 year and 1 day to 10 years and a fine of up to \$5,000.00.

Elba Police Investigators Ronnie Davis and Donnie Byrd were assisted in the investigation by the Troy Police Department.

Officers suspect that there could be other forged checks involved in this case so it remains open at this time.

TROOPERS PREDICT 14 WILL DIE ON STATE'S HIGHWAYS

Headlights signal safety during holiday weekend

State troopers will burn headlamps during the Labor Day weekend as a visible reminder to all motorists to drive safely and buckle up.

Troopers, along with sheriff and police departments throughout the state, are encouraging Alabama motorists to join them in turning on headlights to signal traffic safety during the holiday period.

The Department of Public Safety estimates that 14 people will be killed in traffic accidents during the 78-hour Labor Day holiday period, traditionally the last major weekend

of the summer season. The holiday travel period begins at 6:00 p.m., Friday, September 2, and ends at midnight, Monday, September 5.

In 1993, eight people died in traffic accidents during the 78-hour period, seven on rural roadways and one in an urban area. Only one of the wreck victims, a child passenger, was in a safety restraint. One of the crash victims died in an alcohol-related accident.

State troopers will be out in force during the Labor Day holiday period. Federal overtime grants aimed at

speed and safety belt enforcement will allow additional troopers to patrol. Troopers also will focus on safety belt enforcement during driver license checkpoints to be held at selected locations statewide.

Alabama's safety belt law requires front-seat occupants of passenger cars to buckle up. The child restraint law requires that when riding in front and back seats, children age three and younger must be secured in a safety seat, and four and five year olds must occupy a safety seat or regular safety belt.

A Salute To The Nation's Work Force
HAVE A SAFE HOLIDAY

Special meeting of the Elba City School Board focuses on finances

by Ferrin Cox
Publisher

The Elba City School Board met in special session last Thursday evening.

Finances were foremost on the mind of each person present. If they were discussing selling property, repairing storm damage or the budget for the coming year, money (and the need for it) was at the base of the discussion.

Approval was given for Superintendent Charles Pearce to sign FEMA documents related to the July flood. The excessive water caused South Alabama to be declared a national disaster area and the school to become eligible for a \$11,900 federal grant. This was partially for water damages and partially for the elementary school being used as a shelter for flood victims.

The school system is also eligible for a \$65,000 matching grant from Soil Conservation Service (SCS). The school will furnish 25% or \$16,250 for this erosion control project.

Board members discussed this project and were told representatives of SCS will explain the project in detail at a later board meeting.

Work should begin soon on a campus beautification project being funded by the Alabama Forestry Commission grant. Pearce explained to the board that this will include planting some trees at the entrance to the campus, some clearing, picnic tables and a nature trail.

State funding for the present term of school was a high priority of board members.

Pearce gave a sketchy status report on the recent temporary settlement of the equity funding lawsuit.

Elba school will get \$3,144,057 in state funds for the minimum program this year under the plan. That is in addition to some transportation funds earmarked to buy new school buses.

However Pearce told board members that fiscal experts are already predicting proration of the school budget by next March. Under proration, salaries can not be cut. Therefore, all shortfalls of income must

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NEWS BRIEFS

Two Enterprise men charged with capital murder in the death of Captain D's assistant manager, Roy William Fride-more, 50, were denied youthful offenders status.

The ruling was made in a hearing Wednesday, August 24, before Circuit Judges Gary McAllely and William Barr. Lucius Toney, 111, 19, and Damon Todd Walker, 19, were both indicted on charges of first degree capital murder during a kidnapping and first degree capital murder during a robbery.

The death sentence is being sought in the case. The two defendants are being held without bond in the Coffee County Jail.

The McCrady family has filed a second lawsuit in U. S. District Court against the City of Enterprise and Coffee County officials.

Edien McCrady, 18, was killed during a hostage situation at Beall's department store in Enterprise Shopping Center on Sept. 21, 1993.

The fatal shot fired by a police sniper was meant for Napoleon Burrows, 28, who had held McCrady and other hostages during the incident.

He died seconds later in a hail of police gunfire. The suit contends that officers handling the hostage situation were not adequately trained to do so. No amount for damages is specified in the lawsuit.

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

High school football gets underway in South Alabama this week. Most high schools will open their season with games Friday night. It is still awful hot but every year medical experts learn better ways to deal with the extreme temperatures. Coaches also get better at spotting symptoms of overheating ... and they appear to have a better understanding of the dangers of overheating the human body. Even with all that, there are still news accounts about ball players, cheerleaders and band members who are overcome by the heat. We pray this will not happen to students in this area.

Several weeks ago this country newspaper publisher went to one of those "one man art shows" except this time it was a woman. We didn't get in our car and drive 100 miles because of a deep love for art ... it was done because the artist having her first show was a sister - a full blooded relative of mine! Now this wasn't one of those art shows you see on TV with all the men in tuxedos and women in long formal dresses - all sipping champagne. It was one with some men in sports shirts and women in slacks mixed in with the suits and Sunday dresses. The drink of the day was ginger ale (died). A family discussion on art (with the artist) prompted a comment that we could have done one particular painting in ten minutes and for far less than the price tag displayed on the corner of the frame, but the artist said those way lines took hours and hours! Maybe we should give her some lessons ... better still just paint some of those crooked lines myself and sell them to our readers.

The unweary news of the week was the headlines this week that former Republican Vice President Dan Quayle would probably run for president in 1996. He was very successful on the talk show circuit earlier this year when he put out the sales pitch on his book. After selling a half million copies Quayle is willing to force the ridicule he received as VP and shoot for the top job. We have no idea what chances the man will have, but do know he will make the race interesting, even if he just takes another slap at the TV sitcom star Murphy Brown.

Cubans are still hitting the waves and open seas trying to leave their homeland and come to America. At the rate they are launching those homemade boats, Havana will soon be a ghost town and Guantanamo Bay Naval Base will be a standing room only. Already over 13,000 Cubans have been detained at the naval base after being scooped up from the waters of the Florida Straits. They join over 100,000 Haitians who were already being held there with little hope of completing their trip to the U.S.

Alabama Senator Richard Shelby was the lone Democrat Senator voting against the recently passed crime bill pushed so hard by President Clinton. He opposed the \$30 billion giveaway of tax dollars which, according to informed critics, will have little impact on crime. The bill is law and right now we suspect those who are expert at living off the flow of money out of Washington are already setting up consulting agencies, etc. to get their share of this new plan.

In case our readers have not noticed, the baseball strike is still on going with little chance of settlement in sight. It might be a shock to the players or the owners, but life is proceeding without them. Even the TV network works are filling their hours of air time without major league baseball. What will happen is only a guess, but we doubt either side is willing to completely do away with the game.

We will be wearing one of those tuxedos mentioned above ... Saturday morning. Our oldest son Chris is getting married at 10 a.m. and ol' dad has been told his duties, which include wearing formal attire. They probably taught him that monkey suit trash at Auburn University! We would much rather be on the river or lake somewhere with our beam pole or fly rod, dressed in worn pants, a shirt with a few spots of black or red, and a printer's ink on the sleeves and sporting a wide brim straw hat. Those of you who will be doing that Saturday morning, dedicate the 10:00 o'clock catch to me and furnish all the details AFTER you have dressed the fish!

Speaking of fishing brings to mind a passionate fly fisherman who was dear to many Elba residents. The late Sam Casey was honored in May by the Dothan Rotary Club as a Paul Harris Fellow. This is the highest honor a Rotary Club can bestow. The formal presentation was made to his widow Catherine and their three sons, Charles and Sam Jr. of Dothan and Bert of Atlanta. He was honored for his lifetime of service to others and devotion to family and church. Mr. Casey, a former Elba educator, was killed in a 1993 boating accident at Dead Lakes.

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ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following persons admitted during the time period of August 23, 1994 through August 29, 1994.

They were: Virginia Berry, Johnnie Gay, Silvio Holderfield, Hazel Blackmon, Richard Fine, Johnny Lockett, Olene Taylor, Ray M. Blocker, R. C. Boutwell, Gladys Brooke, Orlan Nelson, Jeremy Johnson, Buna Wright, Johnnie Savidge, and Linda Ellis.

Patients discharged during the same period of time were: N. D. Campbell, Claudine Kelley, Rosie Jackson, Eunice Lowrey, Ruth Lawford, Page Gibson, Katherine Savidge, Whitney Dorsey, Zenobia O'Hinn, Evonne Jones, William Boothe, Peggy Faulk, Virginia Berry, Carolyn Taylor, Richard Fine, Leroy G. Hudson, Johnny Lockett, George Stackhouse, Hazel Blackmon, Silvio Holderfield, Johnnie Gay, and Ray M. Blocker.

ELBA POLICE REPORT

AUGUST 23 Thru AUGUST 29, 1994

The Elba Police Department, beginning Tuesday, August 23, 1994, investigated the following incidents: One property damage, one forgery, four criminal misdeeds, three harassment, two criminal trespasses, one theft, one dog running at large, and one contempt of court.

Traffic citations issued for the week were as follows: two for expired tag, one for failure to stop at a stop sign, one for suspended driver's license, one for driver's license revoked, one for speeding, two for illegally parking in handicapped parking, and one for driver's license expired.

The following arrest was made: one for contempt of court.

Daily activity highlights were as follows:
TUESDAY, AUGUST 23 - River stage - 4.95 feet (6:22 a.m.); Burglary reported at June Bug's (6:29 p.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Co. Rd. 505 (6:59 p.m.); Wreck (car vs deer) on AL 203 at Carver Dr. (8:57 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24 - Disturbance on Forest Lake Drive (6:23 p.m.); Alarm at a residence on Adkins St. (7:16 p.m.); Disturbance in Morrow Village (11:23 p.m.).

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25 - River stage - 6.80 feet (6:22 a.m.); Disturbance on King Circle (11:28 p.m.); Routine activity.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 26 - River stage - 6.35 feet (6:12 a.m.); Alarm at a residence in Brookdale Subdivision (8:45 a.m.); Shots fired on Lee St. (4:56 p.m.); Disturbance on Smith Ave. (11:11 p.m.).

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27 - River stage - 5.55 feet (6:22 a.m.); Disturbance on Lee St. (12:10 a.m.); Alarm at a residence on Highland Dr. (1:38 a.m.); Disturbance on Jackson St. (5:25 a.m.); Fire reported on Taylor Mill Rd. (1:32 p.m.); Wreck (car vs deer) on AL Hwy. 87N and AL 203 By-pass (11:17 p.m.).

MAKING OURSELVES CLEARER

The Elba Clipper wants to correct errors that appear in this newspaper. Any reader wishing to point out our errors, whether true or false, should contact the editor at 897-2823. Clarifications will appear promptly in this space.

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ELBA CITY COUNCIL - 2nd & 4th Mondays - 6:15 p.m. - City Hall

WATER & ELECTRIC - 2nd Mon - 5:15 p.m. - City Hall (after City Council meeting)

COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION - 2nd & 4th Mondays of each month - Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton

LIANS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues - 6:30 p.m. Senior Citizen Center

ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 1st Thurs - 5:30 p.m. - Suite Office

AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Thurs - 7:30 p.m. - Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.

RESCUE SQUAD - 2nd & 4th Tues - 7:00 p.m. - Rescue Squad Building

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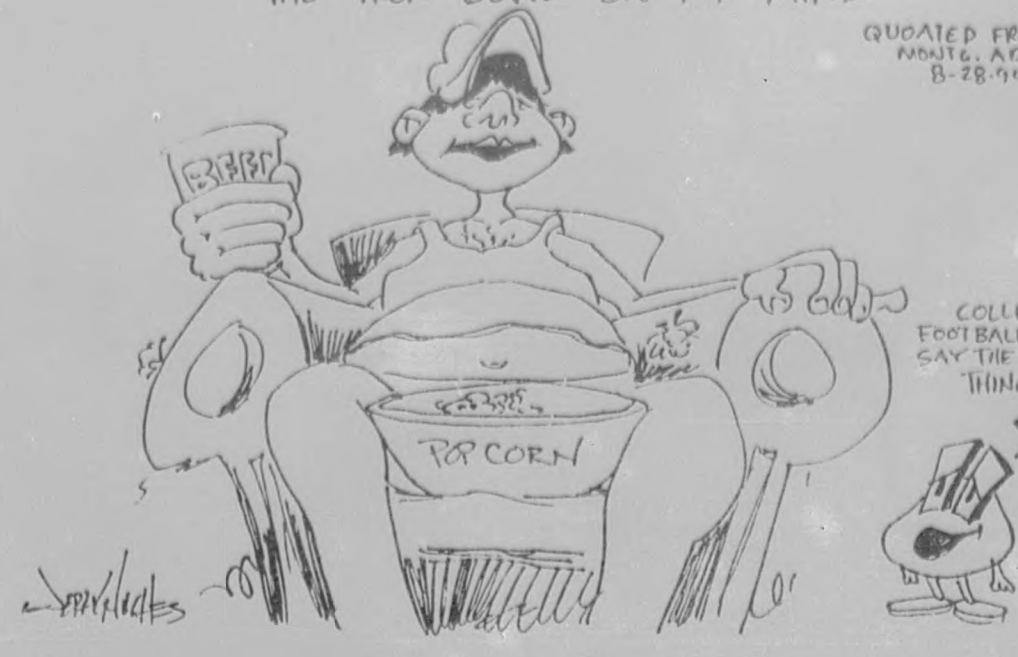
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"I COULDN'T CARE LESS ABOUT THE BASEBALL STRIKE. COLLEGE FOOTBALL IS ABOUT TO START AND I HAVE THE IRON BOWL ON MY MIND."



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COLLEGE FOOTBALL FANS SAY THE COLDEST THING

FROM THE HOUSE

Congressman
Terry Everett

Congress Passes Welfare for Criminally Challenged

Last week, the liberal-controlled Congress gave President Clinton a much-needed political victory. Congress came back to put together what they call a "crime bill."

In reality it amounts to "welfare for the criminally challenged."

I voted against the \$30 billion so-called crime bill for a number of reasons, chief among them its billions in social spending coupled with false claims about new prisons and more police officers on the streets, and the bill's attack on the Second Amendment rights of gun owners.

America desperately needs legislation to combat violent crime. However, this crime bill is a joke. It is modeled after crime fighting efforts in Washington, D.C. — a city with the greatest number of police and more social spending per capita, and a complete gun ban.

Washington, D.C. is the most violent city in America with the highest rate of murders per capita in the United States. No one in their right mind would want to pattern America's anti-crime strategy on such a disaster. Yet, Congress does.

Under this legislation, seven billion dollars in new social spending would be allocated to fund such ridiculous programs as arts and crafts, culture sensitivity, self-esteem courses and midnight basketball for criminals. Whether you agree or not with these kinds of "prevention" programs, they certainly have no place in a national crime bill.

It is a bit much to ask the taxpayer to swallow tens of millions of dollars to pay for criminal justice lessons when Americans already fork out \$24 billion a year for 155 at-risk youth spending programs. Based on the phone calls and letters coming into my Congressional offices, the residents of Southeast Alabama have had enough with Washington's criminal coddling.

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come from other budget items.

Peace recommended the Elba school board budget for the coming year be planned around the numbers received before the court settlement. He explained this would just about cover the projected proration and not jeopardize the fiscal soundness of the school system.

Elba schools will be able to maintain the present teacher census due to a 45% share of a one cent sales tax which the City of Elba put into place beginning August 1st.

The amount of state minimum program funds received last year was about \$2.5 million. The state school board approved a \$2.7 figure several weeks before the court settlement increased it.

Under this accepted settlement, Elba will get an additional \$628,016 in the 1994-95 school year (without proration). However this must cover the 8% pay raise passed last year by the Alabama legislature.

Pearce said he could not give board members a concise breakdown of the additional funds, because state education officials were themselves still trying to sort out all the details.

The new bridge proposed to connect the schools to Taylor Mill Road moved a step closer to bid letting after this meeting. The board approved some technical changes, already approved by the Elba city council, which will clear the project for bid.

The proposed bike path from 203 Bypass to the school was put on hold for one year. The bridge will move forward without the bike path.

Board members were told of other changes in the project also. Instead of the County Engineering Department constructing the bridge, the Alabama Highway Department will bid the project out to a private contractor.

The July flood overwhelmed the Mark Poole's county forces and their own work will keep them busy and unable to build the bridge anytime in the foreseeable future.

In other business luncheon worker Mrs. Mary Vaughan was granted a leave of absence due to family illness. Also the board rejected the two bids received on a piece of Bypass property offered for sale.

Each weekend, between the hours of 9:30 p.m. on Friday and 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, one out of ten drivers is drunk. The exception to this rule is on holiday weekends, when there may be an extra day of traffic danger.

The upcoming Labor Day Weekend, September 3-7, is an example of the hazardous "long weekend."

According to the Alabama Highway Department, there were eight fatalities in Alabama during the Labor Day holiday of 1993. The goal of the Council on Substance Abuse-NCADD is that there be no fatalities over Labor Day and no alcohol-related injuries. COSA-NCADD is calling for local mayors' proclamations of September 2-6, 1994 as "S.O.B.E.R. Days."

S.O.B.E.R. (Stay Off the Bottle, Enjoy the Road) has the support of many safety-oriented agencies in Alabama. Co-sponsoring agencies include the Alabama Department of Public Safety, and Bradford/Parkside of Montgomery. The cooperative efforts of the agencies will focus on the following:

* Designating a driver for every holiday event where alcohol is likely to be used.

* Encouraging stay-overs when trips are long or when parties last into the "week hours."

Teaching hosts to plan parties around activities rather than drinking, and to be responsible servers (offering plenty of food and non-alcoholic beverages).

* Supporting seat belt usage for drivers and all occupants.

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Matthew McCollough wins first place in art contest

Matthew McCollough won first place in an art contest at Holly Hill Elementary School for grades K-4 in May. As a result of this win his art work was put on display in Montgomery at the 16th Annual Superintendent's Visual Arts Award Exhibit May 9-13.

Matthew, along with others from around the state, was recognized in an Awards Ceremony held on May 14 at the Gordon Persons Building in Montgomery.

He received a certificate from the Curriculum Development Specialist

ESJC is interviewing for participants in Career Training Program

Enterprise State Junior College is now interviewing for participants in the Career Training Program for Women. This special program helps participants with returning to school or entering or re-entering the workforce. Through six weeks, seminars and workshops emphasize career exploration, decision making and goal setting, self-concept development, financial aid, study skills/image awareness, assertiveness training, stress management, support systems/networking, resume writing, and introduction to computers. The fee is only \$15.00. Call 393-6532, ext. 218 for an appointment for an interview.

New Brockton Band Calendars on sale

The New Brockton High School Band has begun their annual Calendar for the year 1994. The calendar is used as a fund-raising tool in order to support the New Brockton Band program.

Each listing will sell for \$5.00. A number of merchants and professional people from New Brockton and the surrounding area have advertisements on the calendar.

Sales are scheduled to close on August 31, 1994. Contact any band member or Ernestine McMonroe at 894-2076 (evenings) to purchase a calendar or listing.

Bank account withdrawal schemes

For years, we at the Better Business Bureau have warned consumers in the Elba area and throughout Southern Alabama to protect their credit card numbers. But these days you need to be just as careful when asked to give out your bank account numbers. Crooks can use these account numbers to draw up drafts and access your bank accounts—without your signature, knowledge, or permission!

Many legitimate companies such as public utilities or health clubs, seek and gain your permission to withdraw money directly out of your bank accounts. This is often a very convenient form of bill-paying and is perfectly respectable. Unethical companies, unfortunately, can take this same information to steal money from your account.

One trick they use to get these numbers from you is to call or mail you a notice that you have "won a sweepstakes prize." In order to claim the fabulous prize, you must pay certain "special taxes" or other fees. The crooks may claim that they have already contacted internal revenue and made arrangements for them to handle the taxes on your prize. But to accomplish this, of course, they need your bank account numbers.

In another variation, the con artist asks for your account number and the number of your last check written so that he can verify that you have enough money in your account to pay a "carrying charge."

Some consumers have lost money out of their accounts when dealing with certain disreputable "credit repair" companies. These firms claim that they can remove negative information from your credit report, but often they accomplish nothing—and may keep withdrawing money even after they have collected their "fee" from you.

Another fraudulent approach involves the sale of "mediagap" insurance. Unethical salespeople pressure their senior citizen victims to begin coverage immediately by making payments through a direct draft. Only after it's too late and folks have lost their money do they discover that they were never covered by the insurance at all!

Consumers should understand that they must safeguard their bank account numbers as carefully as they protect their own personal cash. If you suspect a scam, be sure to let us know by writing to: BBB, P.O. Box 55268, Birmingham, AL 35255-5268. You can also check out our reports on thousands of companies before you deal with them by calling us at 1-800-824-5274. Our office serves Elba and all of Coffee County.

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HANDS-ON SCIENCE. Science teachers (front row, l to r) Florence Simpson of Greenville Middle School, Gloria Watson of Greenville Middle School, and back row, l to r) Mary Ann Hudson of Brantley High School and Tim Hattaway of Greenville Middle School try out new methods of hands-on science education advocated by the University of Alabama-based program, "Integrated Science." Begun in 1991, Integrated Science involves replacing "facts and figures" memorization approach with a student-centered integrated approach. Fifth, seventh, and eighth grade classes will be taught this year. The first 20 to 30 minutes of the class period are spent viewing a broadcast, via satellite, from UGA and the last portion of class is taught by the in-room teacher. More than 600 science teachers from around the country and Canada were on the UGA campus over the summer to learn curriculum and experiments for the upcoming year. Assisting these teachers is Ninnette Cannon (front row, far right), sixth-grade Integrated Science instructor.

Beautant/Debutante Beautillion Organizations hold meeting

The Beautant/Debutante Beautillion Organizations of Coffee and Dale Counties held their August meeting at the St. Paul's Missionary Baptist Church on August 27 at 3:00 p.m. Seven new students joined the organizations. Mike Root, Investment Counselor with the Edward Jones and Company, gave an outstanding seminar on "Stocks and Bonds." He explained the difference between "loanship" and "ownership." He explained the meaning of the functions of utility stocks, citing the Southern Company which owns Alabama Power, Georgia Power, and Mississippi Power companies. Root also explained the purchasing of stocks in fast food companies. He told the students that they should balance the purchase of loanship and ownership investments. He added that they should purchase CDs, passbook, and U.S. Savings Bonds and then balance these purchases with stocks.

Rosalia James, Houston County Extension Agent, presented an excellent seminar on topics that support the celebration of the family. The Angela G. Hughes County Agent.

Our eyes - good nutrition plays an important role

Eye health is of special concern as our population ages. In 1990, about 1.4 million people underwent cataract surgery. The health care bill for this comes to a whopping \$32 billion. The more eyesight we have, the more we can do for ourselves and the community. Good nutrition status can reduce the incidence of cataract formation.

Many people know that vitamin A is critical to healthy eyesight. If we don't get enough vitamin A, we are susceptible to night blindness. The main symptom of night blindness is the inability of the eyes to adjust to dim light. All of us have experienced this to some extent since it takes a little time for our eyes to adjust when we go from bright sunlight to a dimly lit area. This may have happened to us when we were driving on a bright sunny day, and then entered a dark tunnel. Or, we may have gone into a movie theater that was dimly lit, and had trouble finding seats. When a person isn't getting enough vitamin A, eyes will adjust within a minute or so.

Recent research indicates that other nutrients are also important in maintaining healthy eyesight. High levels of vitamin C are found in eye tissue. A number of researchers are investigating the function of this nutrient in eye tissue. The current major theory is that vitamin C protects the eye against light-induced oxidative damage. Another nutrient which may protect the eye from oxidative damage is vitamin E.

The minerals, zinc and selenium, also appear to be involved in eye health, although the role they play is not well understood.

What can people do as they age to reduce the risk of getting cataracts? At this point in time, the best advice is to eat a variety of nourishing foods including bread, rice and cereals, fruits and vegetables, lowfat or nonfat milk and milk products, and small servings of meat, poultry, fish and eggs, and beans.

We can expect to hear more about the relationship between good nutrition and healthy eyesight in the future as researchers learn more about the role of nutrients in eye tissue.

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Pastor's Corner

Tony Dye
Westside Baptist Church

Jesus The Door

"I am the door; by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture." (John 10:9)

Doors are among the most common things in the world. There are ornate doors of cathedrals, steel doors to vaults in a bank, canvas doors to tents, large and small doors in all kinds of vehicles, glass doors to greenhouses, and every other kind imaginable, in homes all over the world. They can be expensive or inexpensive, strong or weak, the beautiful or unattractive, but they all have one thing in common—they are doors!

When the Savior claimed to be the door of the sheepfold, He communicated truths which demand our consideration. Actually, most of the shepherds to be found in the Middle East have no door; they have a doorway—the shepherd be the door, and entrance is only possible when he permits it.

A Door is a Means of Entrance. A building without a door is a vault, sealed in death. A divine plan without a door would be meaningless, unreachable, useless. Christ came to be the means whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12). There is but one Door, Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:6). There are many religions and many sects, but there is only one Savior. God has revealed clearly that Christ is the only highway to eternal blessedness. Men who ignore His words exhibit stupidity.

A Door is a Means of Separation. To be on one side of a closed door means to be separated or cut off from those on the other side. Doors are doors used as an ornament. Doors are made to be used, and when this is done, a person passes from one place to another. There is a vast difference between being inside and outside. When the door is closed, it is not possible to get on both sides at once. It is thus with Christians. To respond to the claims of Christ means to forsake all that is "outside," to turn one's back upon that which is evil, and with calm deliberation to identify oneself with the people of God. When Jesus claimed to be the door of the sheepfold, He implied that He would be the great divider of men. People would either be for Him or against Him. He would even turn parents against their children! (see Matthew 10:35-37).

A Door is a Means of Protection. When the icy blasts of a winter storm beat upon a home, a closed door becomes a shelter. Behind its solid strength, is warmth, comfort and protection. When wild beasts or evil men attempt to enter a home, a strong door makes it a fortress. The claim of Christ to be the Door not only suggests that He was inviting sinners to take refuge in His kingdom, but also that He was promising to safeguard them in every time of stress and danger. "I will never leave thee" is the promise of the true Good Shepherd. King David often proved

the reliability of such a promise. He wrote, "For thou hast been a shelter for me, and a strong tower from the enemy. I will abide in thy tabernacle forever: I will trust in the covert of thy wings" (Psalms 61:3-4).

An open door is an invitation, a strong door promises protection, but a locked door is something to be feared. Matthew 25:10-12 suggests that all men should strive to enter the kingdom of God while the door is open. The time must come when it will close. "Afterward came all the other virgins, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open to us. But he answered and said, 'Verily I say unto you, I know you not.' The Lord also said, 'Strive to enter at the strait gate; for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able' (Luke 13:24).

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Round & About With ERIA

Selected scripture: Psalm 71:17.

Thinking of you, praying for you, The Rowe family, the Neal family, Evelyn Guiley, Anthony Kelley, Mrs. Louise Rogers, Mrs. Adell Underwood, Mrs. Vick E. Lindsey.

Combined Choir Anniversary
A Combined Choir Anniversary of Beulah First Baptist Church of Fort Walton Beach, FL, Rev. S. L. Thigpen, pastor, will be held Saturday, September 10, 1994 at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, September 11, 1994 at 3:00 p.m.

Annual Matron's Day
The Annual Matron's Day for Shiloh Baptist Church of Tarentum, AL, will be held Sunday, September 18, 1994 at 2:00 p.m. Rev. A. R. Williams is pastor.

Birthday Dinner
Mrs. Ernestine Kelley, Elba, Juanita Brooks, Enterprise, and Evelyn Guiley, Elba, surprised their brother, Louis Wambles, with a birthday dinner on Sunday, August 28, 1994 in the home of Grover and Elba Belcher (his parents).

Guests were: Maria Kelley, Tiffany, Lydia, Brandy, and Brandon Vera Williams, Wiley Brooks, Rec'Nita, and Dee'Nard, Jason and Mason Guiley, Kim Kelley, Melissa Kelley, Connie Sowell, Jana Kelley, Curtis Kelley, Wesley Kelley, Sharon Wright, Marley Kelley, Roderick Kideaux, La'Vam Jones, Tyrone Kelley, Regina Robinson, Patti Porter, La'Ray Williams, Grover and Elba Belcher, and the hostesses, Ernestine, Juanita, and Evelyn.

Homecoming Services
The Mt. Sinai Missionary Baptist Church, Gantt, Alabama, Rev. C.L. Hollis, pastor, celebrated homecoming on Sunday, August 28, 1994. The speaker for the afternoon service was Rev. A.R. Williams, Elba.

Attending this occasion from Elba were: Rev. A.R. Williams, Bessie, La'Ray, Breta, Chastity, and Keitha, D.J. Belcher, Roderick Kideaux, Jamie Brooks, Juan Carpenter, Kim Kelley, Evelyn Guiley, Wiley Brooks, Juanita, Rec'Nita and Dee'Nard, Juanita Brooks, Denise and Queenie, Patti Porter, Jana Kelley, Stephanie Williams and Samantha Kelley, Kelly, Melissa Kelley, Wesley Kelley, Britany Daniels, Cathryn Carpenter, Rev. J.L. and Estelle Williams, Ernestine Kelley, and Tiffany, Connie Sowell, Cathylene Cross, Lance and Lanchessia, Christina Nelson, Isaac and Nicklaus Vera Williams, Hattie Bell Carpenter, David Carpenter, Patricia and Michelle, Annie Pearl Carpenter, Lucinda Carpenter, Grover and Elba Belcher.

Appreciation Services
Appreciation services for Rev. and Mrs. F.L. Flowers will be held at Shady Grove AME Church, Elba, AL, September 9 - 11, 1994. Friday night and Saturday night, services will begin at 7:00 p.m., and

Coffee County Crusade to be held September 11-16
Coffee County Crusade 94, an interdenominational revival will be held at the New Brockton Farm Center in New Brockton, AL, September 11-16, 1994. The revival will start at 7:00 nightly. Rev. Buddy Hood of Pilgrim Home Baptist Church will be the evangelist. For more information call Larry Murphy at 393-2188.

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The speaker for Saturday night will be Elder Keith Ellison, pastor of Harris Temple COGIC, Elba. The speaker for Sunday will be Rev. C.A. Hammond, Sr., pastor of First Unity Baptist Church, Andalusia, AL; Springfield, Samson, AL; and Friendship Baptist Church.

Mrs. Barbara King of Dothan, AL and Mrs. Tabitha King of Enterprise, AL were visitors at Rocky Head MB Church for worship services last Sunday, August 28, 1994.

The American Dream is at the Expense of the American Negro

Until the moment comes when we, the Americans, are able to accept the fact that my ancestors are both black and white, that on that continent we are trying to forge a new identity, that we need each other, that I am not a ward of America, I am not an object of missionary, I am one of the people who built the country—there is scarcely any hope for the American dream. If people are denied participation in it, by their very presence they will wreck it.

James Baldwin
Blacks in the Arts, February 1965

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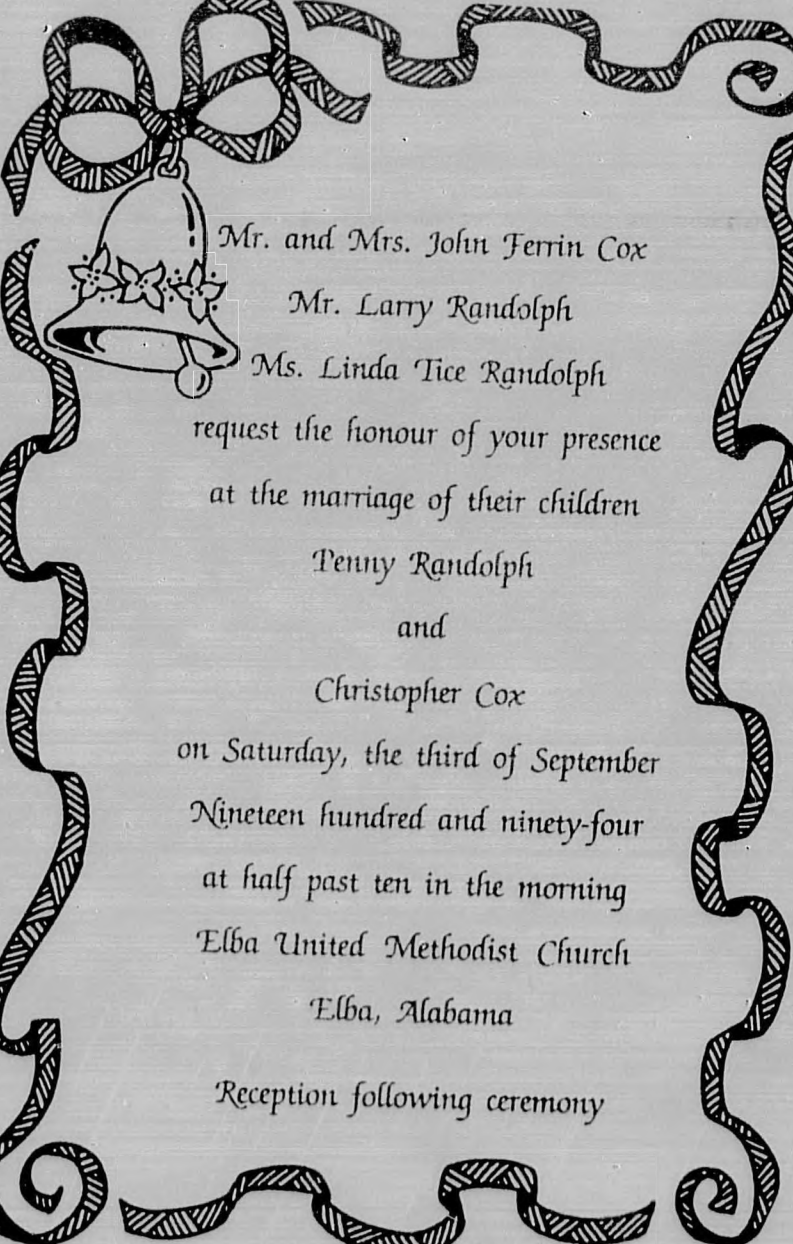
SOCIAL NOTES

Stinson - Windham wedding planned for September 21st



Mr. Windham & Miss Stinson

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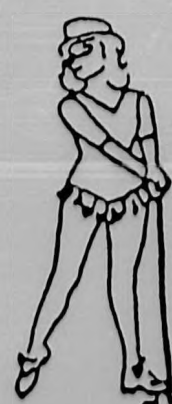
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Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Stinson of Jack announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Shea Courtney to Mr. Gregory Dale Windham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy L. Windham of Enterprise.

The future bride is the granddaughter of the late Mr. Calvin Stinson of Jack and Mrs. Willie Ziglar Stinson of Jack, and Mr. and Mrs. W.F. Ott of Dothan.

She is a 1990 graduate of Zion Chapel High School and attended Troy State University at Dothan. She is owner and operator of Sun Sack Tanning Salon in Enterprise.

The bride-groom-elect is the grandson of the late Mr. Cecil Windham of Enterprise, Mrs. Verbie Windham of Enterprise, and Mr. and Mrs. Quinton Warren of Enterprise.

He is a 1982 graduate of Enterprise High School and attended Enterprise State Junior College. He is owner of Greg Windham Construction.

The wedding will take place at 2:00 p.m. on September 21, 1994 at Dorcas Baptist Church in Jack.

All friends and relatives are invited to attend.

New Arrival

STEVEN MATTHEW LITTLE

Drew Little announces the birth of his baby brother, Steven Matthew Little, on Wednesday, August 17, 1994 at 6:40 a.m. at Flowers Hospital in Dothan. He weighed 6 lbs. 12 ozs. and was 20 1/2 inches long.

Steven is the son of Jim and Rhonda Little. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Husey of Elba, Jeanette Mote of the Bluff Springs Community, and Jimmy Little of McIntosh, Florida. He is the great-grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Husey of Elba, the late Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Stewart of Brundidge, Florida, and the late J.C. Little, Jennie Crosby of Enterprise, and the late Hardy Crosby.

Hodge Reunion

The Hodge reunion was celebrated at the home of Curtis and Irene Hodge. Everyone carried a covered dish and had a very pleasant day.

Those attending were: Curtis and Irene Hodge, Arkie Hodge of Elba, Fannie Mae Gunter of Eufaula, AL, Arkie Bowers, Lena Rushing, Ila Bell Hudson, Eluester Johnson, all of Elba, AL, Odell and Robert Hudson, John and Bernice Hair of Montgomery, AL, Mack and Kay Hodge, Morgan and Macon Hodge, Byron, Jo, and Josh Hodge, Don and Linda Flowers, Donna and Kari Flowers of Ozark, Wayne, Sylvester and Totsy Rushing, James Hudson, all of Elba, Brenda Childs and Debra Atwell and Shannon of Troy, Cecilia Spigner of Beaufort, South Carolina, Bruce Hudson of Montgomery, Clifford, Agnes, Calvin, Little Clifford, Bo Bo, Holman and Ray Williams, all of Alexander City, AL, Robert L. Hodge of Daleville, AL, William Hodge, Mary Hodge, Noah and Nance Hodge, all of Elba, Edward and Elizabeth Tidwell and Heather Noah and Alzie Lee Tidwell of Enterprise, AL, Bud and Gladys White of Eufaula, AL, Charlotte Hupp, Tom and Linda Owens of Alexander City, AL, Daniel and Bertie Rushing of Elba, AL.



Pictured left to right: Mrs. Lee Ella Robinson, maternal grandmother-in-law of the honoree; Mrs. Ola Woods, mother-in-law of the honoree; Mrs. Jennifer Woods, honoree; Mrs. Annie Walker, aunt of the honoree; and Mrs. Vivian Cole, hostess.

Mrs. Jennifer Woods honored with miscellaneous shower

A miscellaneous shower was given in honor of Mrs. Jennifer Woods, white rayon challis dress with a white lace accented collar, Mrs. Vivian Cole.

The refreshment table was covered with a white crocheted cloth. White carnations and greenery surrounded the punch bowl. A multi-colored arrangement in a white wicker basket was placed at the opposite end. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Barbara Tillis, cousin of Jennifer.

The lovely gifts were displayed in Mrs. Cole's master bedroom.

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The guests were greeted as they entered by Mrs. Vivian Cole.

The honoree wore a green and white rayon challis dress with a white lace accented collar. Mrs. Woods' dress was complimented with a white carnation with a peach with bows decorated the front door.

Guests were registered by Mrs. Jennifer Walker, cousin of the honoree. The registry table was covered with a peach cloth overlaid with white lace.

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MORE SOCIALS

Miscellaneous Bridal Shower honoring Miss Stephanie Smith held Sunday, August 21st

A miscellaneous shower honoring Miss Stephanie Smith was held on August 21 at the home of Mrs. J.R. Helms. The many guests were greeted at the door by Mrs. Helms. After registering in the bridal book, the guests were received by the honoree, Miss Smith, her mother, Mrs. Fred Smith, Jr., and Mrs. Marilyn Steadham, the mother of the future groom. The grandmothers of the honoree, Mrs. L. F. Inman and Mrs. Fred Smith, Sr., and the grandmother of the future groom, Mrs. Rube Colvin were seated in the living room where they visited with the guests.

The guests were served refreshments by Mrs. Laney Smith of Greenville. The dining table was covered by a white linen hand embroidered cloth and laden with food and punch served from crystal appointments. The punch bowl was encircled by asparagus fern and white marigolds. After being served, the guests viewed the shower gifts which were displayed throughout several rooms. These rooms were filled with bouquets of multi-colored cinnas in antique crystal and cut glass vases.

The hostesses for this lovely afternoon shower were Mrs. John Harper, Mrs. Ferrin Cox, Mrs. Henry Clark, Mrs. Harold Johnson, Mrs. Earl McCollough, Mrs. Bob Bruckner, Mrs. Jerome Baxley, Mrs. Max Bozeman, Mrs. Pete Dorsey, Mrs. Roland Powell, Mrs. Tom Head, Mrs. Lamar Brooks, Mrs. Joe Ed Donaldson, Mrs. Billy Joe Brunson, Mrs. Chris Scarborough, Mrs. Joe Clark, Mrs. Mark Vaughan, Mrs. Eugene Parrish, Mrs. Jake L. Morrow, Mrs. Dwight Kelley, Mrs. George Grider, Mrs. Wayne Marler, Mrs. Harold Berry, Mrs. Kimmie Ham, Mrs. Gary Allen, Mrs. Barry Gies, Mrs. James Grimes, Mrs. Marion Brunson, and Mrs. J. R. Helms.



Pictured left to right: Mrs. J.R. Helms, Mrs. Fred Smith Jr., Miss Stephanie Smith, and Mrs. Martha Steadham.

Band Calendar sales to end September 5th

The Elba High School Band has begun their annual community Birthday Calendar sale. The Birthday Calendar makes Elba a friendlier place to live by informing you of the birthdays and anniversaries of your loved ones and acquaintances along with meeting dates of many local, social, and fraternal groups. It is nice to surprise someone on their birthday or anniversary with a special greeting and the Birthday Calendar makes it possible.

Last year the EHS Band sold 650 calendars. This year their goal is 700 calendars. For a charge of \$5.00, you can purchase a calendar with six birthday and/or anniversary listings. Each birthday or anniversary listing, after six, will cost 25¢. The calendars will be delivered sometime in December just in time for the new year.

Please support the EHS Band by buying a 1995 Birthday Calendar. Sales are scheduled to close on September 5, 1994. If you are not contacted by a band member wish to purchase a calendar, contact Pam Baker at 897-2266 or Bill Hall at 897-6676 (evenings).

Miller Reunion planned for September 11th

The Annual Elijah and Alex Miller Family Reunion will be Sunday, September 11, 1994, at the Enterprise Civic Center, 711 West Crawford Avenue from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. A covered dish luncheon is planned for noon.

For more information call 894-6362 or 393-2275.

Widner - Williams Wedding planned for December



Mr. Williams & Miss Widner

ESJC Summer Honor Roll released

Summer quarter honor rolls for Enterprise State Junior College have been officially announced.

Thirty-three ESJC students earned President's List certificates. These students earned this quarterly honor by maintaining a 4.00 grade point average with a course load of at least 12 hours.

President's List Honorees from the local area include Ashley L. Johnson of Elba, and Carole C. Eubanks of New Brackton.

The Dean's List, also compiled at the end of each quarter, recognizes full-time students (scheduling 12 or more hours) who maintain a minimum of 3.50 GPA during the quarter. The summer quarter list recognizes 38 students.

Included among the 38 students are Trace L. Edberg and John W. Snodgrass, both of New Brackton.

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John Calvin Daniels celebrates first birthday recently

John Calvin (Cal) Daniels celebrated his first birthday on August 7. He is the son of David and Carla Daniels of Elba. Cal is the grandson of John and Glenda Daniels of Elba and Mike and Ann Stevens of Goshen. His great grandparents are Bob and Polly Wynn of Tarpon Springs, FL and the late Orie and Stillman Daniels of Elba and Julia and Joel Knotts of Spring Hill.

Cal was honored with a Seaside Street party on August 6 at the home of Nana and Papa Daniels with many family and friends present. Cal's Big Bird cake was decorated by his cousin, Janet Knotts of Troy, AL.

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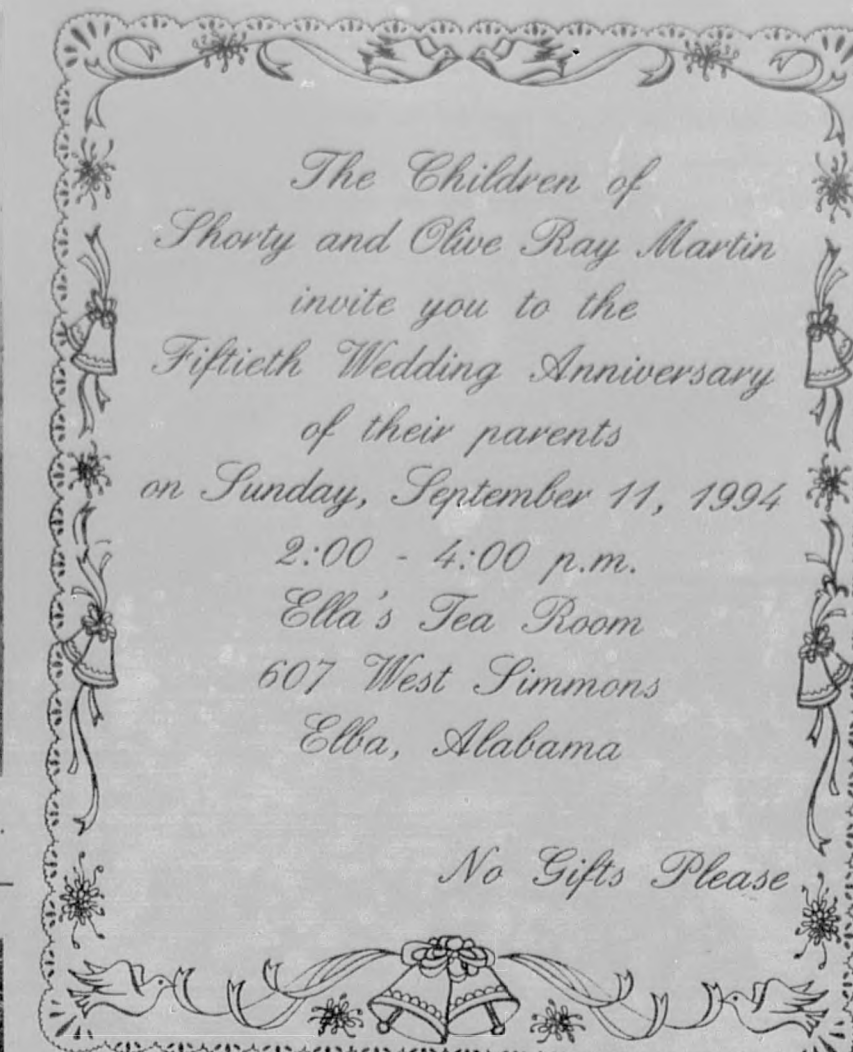
Tiffany Lauren Bradshaw

Andy and Renee Bradshaw are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Tiffany Lauren. Tiffany was born on June 4, 1994 and weighed 6 lbs. 8 ozs.

Proud grandparents are Aaron and Kathy Tidwell and Julius and Catherine Hysmith.

MacArthur State Technical College has openings in Nursing Program

MacArthur State Technical College's Nursing Program has openings in the nursing assistant program. Classes begin September 1, and interested applicants should enroll now to insure a place in the six-month program. For more information, call 205/493-3573.



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Views From

THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Well, it only took Mrs. Hayes one week to find out for herself that Melissa and Melanie are completely different people. Mrs. Becky Hayes was Melissa's kindergarten teacher back six years ago, and we were thrilled when Melanie got in her room this year. While Melissa was quiet and studious from the first day, Melanie had a problem last week with talking and trying to help everybody else in her class with their problems. Melanie loves to help everyone and her concern was genuine; however, it did get her moved from her table after only a few days and got her in a little trouble at home. I'm sure Melanie will calm down as school goes along and I know she will fall in love with Mrs. Hayes just like her older sister did years ago. Now, if only Mrs. Hayes can hold on!

OPENING WEEK TO ANSWER A LOT OF QUESTIONS

The high school football season starts this week and by this time next week a lot of questions should be answered about teams across the state. Locally, all the teams have holes to fill, and some players will have to step forward and show that they can take charge and lead their teams to victory. Here are a few questions that may be answered Friday night...

****ELBA** - Can senior quarterback Che Vaughan ignore the extreme pressure of being a first-time starter and run the Tiger offense? Can the Elba defense improve from a year ago enough to at least slow down Charles Henderson's Ceneca Pennington? Can the Tigers continue their winning streak at Troy State's Memorial Stadium?

****NEW BROCKTON** - Can the Gamecocks learn the new offensive and defensive schemes of Coach Klages well enough to threaten Ariton? Can sophomore quarterback Scott Hughes pick up where he left off late last season and add another dimension to New Brockton football? Can the Gamecocks' defense meet the challenge of high-powered Ariton?

****ZION CHAPEL** - Can Coach David Collins return the Rebels to the success they enjoyed in days of old? Can the Rebel defense take a giant step forward and give the offense a chance to outscore an opponent? Can Zion Chapel get off to a fast start and make a quick run for the playoffs?

****KINSTON** - Can the Bulldogs forget last year's dismal season and bounce back? Can the Bulldogs' offense find some much-needed quickness and add a big-play threat to its attack? Can the Bulldogs players remain focused if the season opener doesn't go as hoped?

****BRANTLEY VS. DALEVILLE** - Can the Bulldogs put last year's success behind them and set new goals for '94? Can Coach Scott Lesley make his players continue to expect to win all their games despite a rugged schedule? Can the Brantley defense be anywhere near as good as last year's bunch that recorded nine shut-outs in fifteen games?

Stay tuned...many of these questions will be answered Friday night, while the rest may take another week or two!

POLISH PROGNOSTICATOR PICKS THE PREPS

Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator dropped by the office Monday night with his picks for the opening week of the high school season. He was belly-aching about how the first couple of weeks are the hardest to pick and griped about how he wasn't ready for the season to start. He griped for quite a while, but when he left his picks were on the desk, and here they are...

ELBA VS. CHARLES HENDERSON

Last season the 5A Trojans came to town with one of their best teams in years and turned Ceneca Pennington loose on the Elba defense for over 300 yards rushing. Well, the team has changed, but the Trojans once again are convinced they have one of their best teams in years and Pennington is even faster than before. Do the Tigers have a chance? Same record, but this year let's play the flip-side!

ELBA 21 CHARLES HENDERSON 20

BRANTLEY VS. DALEVILLE

The Bulldogs celebrated a season of championships a year ago, but get back to the real world this week when they host the Daleville Warhawk. The team picked to win the 4A state title. Brantley will have an excellent 2A club and may be a factor come playoff time, but Friday night the Bulldogs may bite off more than they can chew!

DALEVILLE 28 BRANTLEY 0

ZION CHAPEL VS. HOUSTON ACADEMY

Zion Chapel made a big step toward regaining some respectability last year and this year are out to take another step up the ladder of success. Anything can happen in the opening game, however, the Rebels will be at home and should be fired up and ready to chalk up win #1!

ZION CHAPEL 22 HOUSTON ACADEMY 20

NEW BROCKTON VS. ARITON

The Gamecocks have been looking forward to the season ever since the arrival of their new coach and the news that they were dropping down to 1A. The new coach may have brought some excitement with him, but the Ariton Purple Cats are one of the state's best 1A teams and will prove too tough for the Gamecocks!

ARITON 21 NEW BROCKTON 12

KINSTON VS. FREEPORT

A lot of people are heading to Florida over the Labor Day weekend, including the Kinston Bulldogs, who are traveling to Freeport to open the 1994 season. Kinston tasted the sweetness of success only once a year ago and are hungry for more morsels this season. It's never easy when you cross the state line, but something makes the Bulldogs a slight favorite!

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SPORTS

Against 5A Charles Henderson Trojans

Elba Tigers to open season in Troy

The Elba Tigers christened their new football stadium last season against the Charles Henderson High Trojans and watched as the visiting Trojans did all the celebrating after claiming an exciting 21-20 victory.

The Tigers will oppose the same batch of Trojans tomorrow night (Friday) in Troy, and this time the Elba players are hoping that it will be their turn to celebrate with a season-opening win.

"Charles Henderson has an outstanding football team and I am sure they will be extremely confident after whipping us last year on our own field," said Elba's Coach Mack Wood. "We all know that they have an experienced quarterback this season, and one of the best backs in the state in the Pennington kid, who gained over 300 yards against us last season. Troy's offense will be much improved with the return of some

key players, and will provide a real challenge for us all over the field."

The quarterback that drew the praises of Elba's Coach Wood is Tommy Lucas, a veteran signal-caller with outstanding athletic ability, while the running back referred to is senior Ceneca Pennington, a 5-8 speedster that ran wild over and under the Elba defense a year ago in rolling up over 300 yards.

Making the Trojan offense even

more dangerous this season is the addition of James Moultry at wingback and Gabe Goodson at fullback.

"Ceneca's looked as good this fall as he has ever looked," stated Henderson's Coach Jay Jeffcoat. "James Moultry's doing a good job at wingback and Gabe Goodson is playing well at fullback. Our backs should be pretty good."

Jeffcoat expressed some concern with the Trojan defense, stating "our defense is still making some mistakes," but reported the interior of the defense should be the defense's strength.

"I think our linebackers (Goodson, Moultry and Lee Baggett) have really got a chance to be a bright spot," reported Jeffcoat. "Our linebackers and defensive line are getting better."

Elba is expecting to make another run at a state championship in the 3A ranks, and veteran coach Mack Wood feels his team could be a solid team as the season progresses.

"We had a good spring and a good carry-over in the summer," said Wood. "And we expect to play well in Troy. We have a big senior class that should provide leadership to the youngsters, and we will be disappointed if we don't play well. We aren't predicting a win, but we are going up there to win and will give it our best shot."

Two 1A clubs hunting for an identity will meet in this clash, which is rated a toss-up.

DALEVILLE AT BRANTLEY

The Brantley Bulldogs moved up from 1A to 2A after last season's state championship run; however, opening week will find the Bulldogs stepping up even further as they challenge 4A strongboy Daleville, in Brantley.

Brantley has more than enough talent back this season to be a 2A threat, led offensively by senior defensive ends Brian Peavy (6-2, 210) and tackle Corey Rushing (6-2, 240), while over on defense key returnees include linebacker Chris Morris, defensive ends Brian Peavy and Matt Smith (6-2, 205) and lineman Larry Sanders (5-9, 165).

Ariton will be a heavy favorite at home against the rebuilding Gamecocks; however, after years in the 2A ranks, the Gamecocks won't be intimidated and could give the talented Purple Cats a real scrap.

Brantley has been picked to claim the 4A state title this season and is loaded, as always, with experience, size, skill, and an aggressive style of play.

Brantley may well be a contender in the 2A ranks, but may find a rude awakening in week #1 in the 4A ranks.

Tyson, a 170-pound speedster, was a mainstay in the Tigers rushing attack a year ago, while Kyles, a bruising 200-pounder, should be even better in '94 after a solid junior campaign.

Elba's defense is also filled with returning veterans and is expected to be much-improved this season.

Noseguard Todd Hooks will anchor the defense in the middle, and will find experienced players all around, in tackles Daniel Kidd (200) and Boyd, ends Cory Howe (200) and Todd Barnes (190), and line-backers Matt Barnes, Detrick Kyles, D'undray Peterson (205) and Rudy Free (200). The secondary appears set with Tyson, Brian Rowe (175), Griffin Shirley (160) and Chris Hudson (175), and should round out what appears to be a rock-solid defensive unit.

The opening week clash between the Tigers and Trojans may pit a 3A team against a 5A team; however, the class difference will mean little when these two old rivals square off. The Elba defense must prove it can establish the running game behind its veteran line.

This game shapes up as one of the top openers in the state, and Friday night the place to be will be Memorial Stadium, on the campus of Troy State University!

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Rodeo set for Ariton Sept. 16

The L.A. Rodeo Arena, in Ariton, will be the site for the Bo Canall Production Company Rodeo, on September 16-17, 1994.

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Elba Tigers expecting return to top in '94

A challenging schedule that features four 5A schools and the state 4A runner-up from a year ago isn't enough to dampen the high hopes Elba Tiger fans have about what is shaping up as one of their stronger teams.

Coach Mack Wood has the nucleus to challenge for his fifth area title in the past six years and a senior-dominated class ready to add what would be a third Class 5A state championship trophy to the already bulging Tiger trophy case.

The Tigers had what many already would consider a successful season a year ago as Elba posted a 7-5 record and advanced to the third round of the state playoffs, but the excitement waned for the Tigers as they suffered a stinging 33-8 loss to St. Paul's in the 3A quarterfinals.

Wood, entering his 17th year at the Elba helm, has got seven starters returning on defense and eight starters back on offense. He appears to have all the pieces except the most important one, an experienced quarterback to take charge of the Tigers on the field in the heat of battle!

The heir to the Elba signal-calling duties is multi-talented senior Che Vaughan, a 6-3, 190-pounder, that possesses outstanding speed and a strong arm. Vaughan was the back-up quarterback last season, but saw only limited action as he gained 55 yards on 10 carries and completed 1 of 3 passes for 28 yards and one touchdown.

Vaughan's lack of experience could show early in the season; however, the sheer athletic ability of the senior could very well overshadow his shortcomings.

The Tigers, as always, are deep in the backfield with three of last year's top five runners coming back for another campaign. Chris Tyson (5-10, 170), a shifty junior, gained 576 yards in 82 carries and scored 5 touchdowns for the Tigers last season while sharing the tailback duties, while starting fullback Detrick Kyles (6-0, 200) returns after gaining 309 yards in 65 carries and scoring 3 TD's last season. Junior tailback Sterling Jones (5-10, 160) will give

Tyson a rest and showed promise last year by averaging almost five yards per carry on 18 carries, and giving Kyles a breather at fullback will be sophomore D'undray Peterson (6-0, 195), a battering ram with power and determination.

The receiving corp will be less experienced due to Che Vaughan's move from wide-receiver to quarterback, but the Tigers aren't crying the blues as tight-end Cory Howe (6-3, 220) and tailback Chris Tyson (5-10, 170) both return. Howe pulled down 11 catches for 142 yards in '93, while Tyson slipped out of the backfield to catch 8 passes for 108 yards.

If it's true that it is what's up front that counts, Elba should be counted on highly this season, with the entire offensive line coming back to lead the way!

Senior center Ramey Bryan (5-11, 205) will anchor one end of the Tiger line, and will feel right at home as returning starters Todd Hooks (5-11, 195, junior) and Demaris Barnes (5-11, 190, senior) will be back at the guard slots, and outside at the tackle positions will be veterans Bo Boyd (6-3, 260, senior) and Joey Grogg (6-3, 290, senior).

Senior tight-end Cory Howe (6-3, 220) rounds out the veteran line, giving the Tigers their most experienced offensive front wall in many years.

Others expected to provide plenty of help on offense this season are wide-receiver Brian Rowe (6-2, 170, junior), guard Eddie Cowen (5-10, 180, junior) and center Todd McKee (6-0, 190, sophomore).

The Elba defense is almost as im-



1994 ELBA TIGERS

posing, with seven starters back, including six of last season's top eight tacklers.

Senior linebacker Demaris Barnes (5-11, 190) was one of the Tigers' most dominating defenders last season as he made 78 solo tackles, assisted on 7 others and recovered 6 fumbles, and the hard-hitting senior

will anchor what should be a stingy defensive unit in '94.

The defensive front will be strong, anchored by senior defensive end Cory Howe (6-3, 220), junior defensive end Rudy Free (6-2, 205), junior noseguard Todd Hooks (5-11, 195) and senior tackle Bo Boyd (6-3, 260), while in the backfield will be

senior safety Che Vaughan (6-3, 190), and junior cornerback Chris Hudson (5-11, 175).

Others looked to provide big help on defense are sophomore linebacker D'undray Peterson (6-0, 195), junior safety Griffin Shirley (5-10, 160), junior cornerback Brian Rowe (6-2, 170), junior defensive end Todd

Grantham (6-0, 190) and junior defensive end John Robertson (6-0, 170).

The 1994 Elba Tigers have a schedule that resembles "Murderer's Row," but if the Tigers can survive some early bullets, they could well be around when the trophies are handed out in December.

Mack Wood entering 18th season as leader of Tigers

When the Elba Tigers hit the field tomorrow night (Friday) in Troy to challenge the 5A Charles Henderson High Trojans, leading the Tigers

onto the field will be Coach Mack Wood, Elba's all-time winningest coach, now in his 17th year at the Tiger helm.

Wood, a native of Greenville and a multi-sport athlete at Troy State University, has been named the "Coach of the Year" in Alabama on three occasions, all after leading teams to state championships (T.R. Miller in 1969 and Elba in 1989 and 1992), and has earned "Coach of the Year" honors in the Wiregrass area in 1979, 1983, 1986, 1989 and 1992.

Wood's career record at Elba stands at 145-52, an average of over nine wins per season over sixteen years, while his overall record in 25 years as a head coach is 209-83-4, an amazing average of over eight wins per season over a quarter of a century!

Wood's teams have claimed Area titles 10 times (1969, 1979, 1983, 1984, 1986, 1987, 1989, 1990, 1992 and 1993), claimed state championships three times (1969, 1989 and 1992) and twice finished as state championship runners-up (1985 and 1986).

The coaching veteran has also been selected three times to coach in the Alabama All-Star game (1969, 1990 and 1993).

Already a coaching legend in the Alabama high school ranks, Elba's Mack Wood will hope to begin yet another chapter Friday night with the "Black & Gold" of Elba High.

ELBA TIGERS

SEPT.2	CHARLES HENDERSON	AWAY
SEPT.9	T.R. MILLER	HOME
SEPT.16	GEORGIANA	HOME
SEPT.23	OPP	HOME
SEPT.30	DALEVILLE	AWAY
OCT.7	LOUISVILLE (A)	HOME
OCT.14	OPEN DATE	
OCT.21	LUVERNE (A)	AWAY
OCT.28	ANDALUSIA	HOME
NOV.4	EVERGREEN HILLCREST	AWAY

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1994-95 & 1995-96 AREA ALIGNMENTS

CLASS 3A	CLASS 4A
AREA 3 Houston County Rehoboth Slocomb	AREA 3 Bullock County Daleville Geneva Pike County
AREA 4 Elba Louisville Luverne	AREA 4 Abbeville Ashford Dale County Headland



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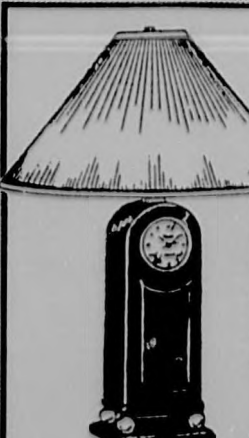
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1994 NEW BROCKTON GAMECOCKS

Zion Chapel confident of winning season

The Zion Chapel Rebels were only 4-6 in Coach David Collins' second year back at the Rebel helm; however, the Rebels went from being hopeless and helpless to being competitive and respectable.

With four starters back on offense and six returning to the defensive side of the ledger, the respectability should continue as the Rebels hunt for the school's first winning record in years.

Zion Chapel was hit hard by graduation in the offensive line, but with such returning backs as senior tailback Jeremy Till (5-9, 148) and junior fullback Roy Stewart (5-11, 175), the new faces in the line may not have to carry all of the load.

Senior guard Grady Williams (6-0, 205) will be the lone returnee in the line and will have to carry much of the leadership responsibilities early in the season, while senior wide-receiver Josh Prescott (6-0, 165) will return and will give the Rebels one of the top receivers in the area.

Expecting to step in and see action on offense are juniors Timmy Smith (5-8, 165) and Thomas Cauley (6-2, 185), a pair of talented youngsters with the skills to play a lot in a hurry.

The Z.C. defense gave up points in bunches at times last season, but boasts six returning starters and expects to be much more unfriendly to opposing offenses this season.

Linebackers Joe Carley (5-11, 165) and Kevin Hobbs (5-8, 165) will anchor the Rebel defense and should give the defense a hard-



1994 ZION CHAPEL REBELS

hitting combination, while other returnees include end Napoleon Smith (6-2, 185), safety Josh Prescott (6-0, 165), defensive back Elliot Liptrout

(5-8, 145) and tackle Kevin Sheets (5-10, 168).

Zion Chapel will still have to depend on inexperienced players to fill

key roles on both sides of the ball, but should be solid from the start and could be the surprise team of the area.

New Brockton hoping that moving to 1A will spark return to winning ways of past

New coach Dan Klages, a successful coach throughout his career as an assistant and head coach, doesn't have to worry much about undue expectations as he takes over the football program at New Brockton High School.

The Gamecocks have struggled to regain the success enjoyed during the Leavy Boutwell regime in the eighties, and in recent years have struggled just to post winning records.

Numbers have been the most recent problems facing coaches at New Brockton, but the numbers are up with over 30 players on the varsity squad, and after a successful spring, the expectations that always come with a new coach are high.

The New Brockton offensive unit, a hot and cold group a year ago, will be expected to heat things up often this season with six starters re-

turning, led by senior halfback Mitchell Truitt (5-11, 160) and senior wingback Curtis Threats (5-10, 160).

The line should be another strength, with a trio of talented returnees in junior guard Devin Kelly (5-11, 205), junior tackle Luke Green (6-3, 220) and junior guard Blaine Anderson (5-11, 175).

A definite bright spot for the Gamecocks should be at the quarterback position, where sophomore Scott Hughes (6-1, 160) will return after enjoying late-season success as a freshman.

If the number seven is a lucky number, the New Brockton defense should be filled with luck, as seven sophomores return to anchor what appears to be a solid defensive unit.

The starters back for the Gamecocks on defense include senior defensive back Mitchell Truitt (5-11, 160), senior linebacker Curtis Threats (5-10, 160), junior line-backer Devin Kelly (5-11, 205), sophomore defensive back Scott Hughes (6-1, 160), junior tackle Luke Green (6-3, 220), senior line-backer Michael Spangenberg (5-7, 155) and senior tackle Brad Williams (5-10, 180).

As if being blessed with thirteen returning starters weren't enough to boost the Gamecocks' optimism, a big group of talented newcomers are ready to step into the action and help the Gamecocks take the big step toward becoming a winning football team.

Included among those expected to help out immediately are senior tight-end/defensive-end Marcus Brown (6-2, 210), junior fullback line-backer Bobby Bigger (5-9, 180), senior quarterback/wide receiver/defensive back Brian Pearson (5-5, 155), senior offensive lineman/defensive-end Eric Brooks (5-11, 210), sophomore offensive tackle/defensive tackle Enoris Newton (5-10, 230) and senior wide receiver/defensive back Cornelius Burrows (5-7, 150).

A rash of pre-season injuries have slowed down the Gamecocks' preparation in early drills; however, the attitude and determination of the players and coaches has been evident, making the '94 season one highly anticipated.



COACH DAN KLAGES

NEW BROCKTON GAMECOCKS

SEPT.2	ARITON	AWAY
SEPT.9	G.W. LONG	HOME
SEPT.16	ZION CHAPEL (A)	AWAY
SEPT.23	STRAUGHN	AWAY
SEPT.30	HOUSTON ACADEMY	HOME
OCT.7	BEULAH	HOME
OCT.14	MCKENZIE (A)	HOME
OCT.21	ARITON	AWAY
OCT.28	RED LEVEL	HOME
NOV.4	COFFEE SPRINGS	HOME

Kinston Bulldogs hungry for wins after disastrous 1-9 record in 1993 season



JOHN WILLIAMSON

John Williamson became the latest coach to fall into a black hole with the orange and blue of Kinston High School, posting only a 1-9 record in his initial season with the Bulldogs in 1993.

The record was really no big surprise, considering the fact Williamson inherited a young squad with a shortage of experience. Williamson thinks this year's team will be better because of more experience; however, Bulldog coaches have been saying that for years with very little to show for it.

Kinston players, coaches and fans are hoping that this is the year the Bulldogs' fate is worse than their back!

Much of the reason for the optimism on the Bulldog campus this summer is due to the fact that Kinston will return seven starters from last year's squad, and the seven returning veterans are looking for pay-back against the Bulldog opponents. Anthony Jones, a 6-2, 210 pound, senior line-backer/tight end is the key to the Kinston attack on both sides of the football, while others back for another year on the gridiron include senior lineman Jonathan Spears, senior lineman/wide receiver Jeremy Mack, senior wide-receiver/

defensive back Cornelius Tillis, junior running back/defensive back Jason Wambles, sophomore lineman Michael Farris and sophomore Jeremy Hataway.

Newcomers Steven Davis (QB), Michael Harrison (RB/LB), Ronnie Loman (RB/LB) and Matt Sunblin (OL/LB) are also expected to see plenty of action and play an important role in the Bulldogs' success. Coach Williamson is optimistic that the '94 Bulldogs will be much improved, and stated the leadership of the senior players will be the key to a successful season.

The Bulldog fans support their team win or lose; however, the cheering is always louder for a winner, and this is the season all Kinston fans are hoping to cheer long and loud!



1994 KINSTON BULLDOGS

Brantley facing tough schedule in first year back in 2A

Duplicating last season's dominating performance will be a tough act to follow for the Brantley Bulldogs in 1994.

After all, all the Bulldogs did a year ago was post a perfect 15-0 record enroute to claiming the school's first-ever state football championship, and along the way with thoroughbreds and another trip outscored their opponents by a whopping total of 478-55.

Quarterback Derek Caldwell, the 1A "Player of the Year," will be missed, as will All-State performers Andrew Daniels, Tineel James and Andrew Kilcrease.

Shed no tears for the Bulldogs and their fans; however, because the school's first-ever state football championship, and along the way with thoroughbreds and another trip outscored their opponents by a whopping total of 478-55.

Senior wide-receiver Jimmy Burnett (6-1, 170) will be back to bring fear into opposing defensive backfields, while in the line are a trio of returning vets in seniors Eric Crenshaw (6-0, 180) and Jason Fox (6-1, 250), as well as sophomore Ben Fox (6-2, 230).

Senior Ivan Christian (5-10, 175) will move from wide-receiver to quarterback to fill the shoes of Caldwell, and the talented athlete should only get better and better as he gets used to the new offensive set being run by new coach Scott Lesley.

Junior Fred Upshaw (5-7, 165) is expected to add speed to the Bulldog backfield, and junior Cedric Wages (6-0, 180) should aid in line.

The Brantley defense recorded nine shutouts last season, a feat that drew statewide attention, and while

this year's defense will be missing a couple of valuable performers, the cupboard is far from bare.

Defensive backs Ivan Christian and Jimmy Burnett will return to punish opposing receivers and backs, while junior line-backer Pete Hill (5-11, 240) will also be back to apply the crunch to anyone that comes his way.

The line was a source of strength last season and will be again in '94, as Eric Crenshaw, Charlie Layton and junior Dramaine James (6-0, 185) will be back to man the front wall.

Providing help defensively will be senior line-backer Ashley Carlisle (6-1, 185) and senior defensive back Keith Howard (5-11, 185).

Brantley made the move to the 2A ranks this season and faces perhaps its toughest schedule ever, with battles set against such teams as 4A Daleville, 3A Stocomb and 2A Georgiana. The Bulldogs could have been cocky after last season's success, but Coach Lesley brought in new attitude and new work ethic, and the Bulldogs have adopted the new style and want to win a new title in a new class.

It will be hard to do, however, don't ever count these Bulldogs out.

KINSTON BULLDOGS

SEPT.2	FREEPORT, FL	AWAY
SEPT.9	ZION CHAPEL (A)	HOME
SEPT.16	FLORALA	HOME
SEPT.23	SAMSON	AWAY
SEPT.30	G.W. LONG	HOME
OCT.7	STRAUGHN	HOME
OCT.14	COFFEE SPRINGS	AWAY
OCT.21	NEW BROCKTON (A)	HOME
OCT.28	MCKENZIE (A)	AWAY

Advertiser begins "Coaches" poll

The Montgomery Advertiser released its first ever "Coaches Poll" for high school football teams over the weekend and picked as the pre-season favorites in the state's six classes were Robert E. Lee (6A), Oxford (5A), Daleville (4A), Colbert County (3A), Hazlewood (2A) and Courtland (1A).

The new high school poll, sponsored by the Advertiser sports staff, is based upon voting from coaches throughout the state, with every team in the state having a vote on teams in their respective classifications.

Re-classification creates new rivalries

The re-classification of the state's high schools by the Alabama High School Athletic Association will result in many new rivalries being formed in all six classes across Alabama in the years to come.

The movement of schools among classifications brought about the expected changes; however, the A.H.S.A.A. also made countless changes in area alignment and area numbering.

Following is a look at the new Area alignments across the state for the upcoming athletic seasons:

CLASS 1A

The biggest change of note in Class 1A came locally, where New Brockton moved down from the 2A ranks and Zion Chapel moved over from Area 4 to join Kinston, McKenzie and Pleasant Home to form the new Area 3.

Former 2A power Autaugaville will join Area 5 and should be dominant in a grouping with Marbury, Montgomery County, St. Jude and Verbena.

CLASS 2A

Area 1 has been weak for many years, but gained a true athletic powerhouse in Washington County, and this season the battle may very well be for the runner-up spot in all sports behind the talent-rich Bulldogs.

Samson moved out of Area 3 and into Area 4 and will join Cottonwood, Geneva County and Wick-sburg, replacing New Brockton, which moved down to the 1A ranks. Brantley will make the move up to the 2A circles; however, the Bulldogs should continue their dominance in Area 5 as they join Clay-ton, Goshen and Highland Home.

Area 7 (Linville, Randleman, Randolph County and Woodland) will have a completely new look with four new teams, as will Area 11, where Cleveland, former 3A power Oneonta, St. Clair County and Springfield will team up to form the grouping.

Phil Campbell and Red Bay both made the move down to 2A, but may find life no easier as they were placed in Area 15 along with Cherokee, Hatton and 2A power Hazlewood.

CLASS 3A

Area 3 will become a three-team battle as Geneva moved up to the 4A ranks, leaving Houston County, Rehoboth and Stocomb, while Area 5 will have a totally new look with Calhoun, Catholic, Keith and St.

James all coming aboard. The same story is true in Area 6, where a new look is evident with B.B. Comer, Daleville, Elmore County and Hazlewood forming the newly formed grouping.

A change took place in Area 12, where Ashville, Lichtfield and Sardis all moved into North Alabama as they made the move from Area 8 while up in Area 13 the rivalries will be new as former 4A schools Piedmont and Weaver moved in to join former Area 8 members Glen-coe and Pleasant Valley.

CLASS 4A

Area 3 saw a minor change when Opp moved up to the 4A ranks and was replaced with ex-3A member Geneva.

There will be all new looks in both Area 5 and Area 6, as Greens-boro Public, Livingston and Sumter County all moved from Area 8 to form Area 5, and Coosa Central, Dallas County, Jemison and Montevallo all made the trip over to Area 6.

Area 7 will have a total face lift as Beauregard, Handley, Lafayette, Lanett and Tallapoosa all made the move from Area 8 to form Area 7, and the story will be repeated in Area 8, as Chelsea, Childersburg, Leeds and Lincoln all moved on board.

Other new Area alignments will occur in Area 11 (Alexandria, Cleburne County, Jacksonville and Munford), Area 12 (Cherokee County, Guntersville, Hokes Bluff and New Hope) and Area 13 (Douglas, Fairview, Hanceville and West Point), while up in Area 14 the new look race will continue as former

5A power Dora will move down to join former Area 11 foes Curry, Hay-leville and Hamilton.

CLASS 5A

Citronelle made a short trip over to Area 2 to take the place of Daph-ne, which moved up to 6A, while Opp moved back up from 4A and back into the neighborhood with rivals Hillcrest, Andalusia, Greenville and Charles Henderson.

The already tough Area 5 got even tougher as former 6A school Russell County moved down and joined up with Eufaula, Smiths Station and Valley, while totally new looks were pieced together in Area 13 (Albertville, Ft. Payne, North Jackson and Scottsboro) and Area 14 (Bob Jones, Buckhorn, Hazel Green and Sparkman.)

CLASS 6A

Minor changes took place in Area 1, where Baker moved in, and over in Area 2, where Satsuma moved in, while in Area 3 former 5A power Daphne made a move up and joined ranks with Baldwin County, Fair-hope and Foley.

Montgomery Carver, Jeff Davis and Selma moved from Area 6 into Area 5, setting up early round matchups in the state playoffs against new Area 6 members Lanier, Lee, Prattville and Washington, all of which moved in from Area 7.

Auburn, Central of Phenix City and Opelika moved from Area 5 into Area 7, in a move that put the Montgomery schools opposite each other in playoff action.

A.H.S.A.A. 1994-95 & 1995-96 AREA ALIGNMENT

CLASS 5A

Area 3
Chocotaw County
Jackson
Monroe County
Wilcox Central

AREA 4

Andalusia
Greenville
Charles Henderson
Hillcrest, Evergreen
Opp

CLASS 6A

Area 3
Baldwin County
Daphne
Fairhope
Foley

AREA 4

Carroll, Ozark
Dothan
Enterprise
Northview

ZION CHAPEL REBELS ARE ON THE MARCH IN 1994 !!!!

A.H.S.A.A. 1994-95 & 1995-96 AREA ALIGNMENT

CLASS 1A

Area 3
Kinston
McKenzie
New Brockton
*Pleasant Home
Zion Chapel

CLASS 2A

Area 3
Florala
Georgiana
Red Level
Straughn

ZION CHAPEL REBELS

SEPT.2	HOUSTON ACADEMY	HOME
SEPT.9	KINSTON (A)	AWAY
SEPT.16	NEW BROCKTON (A)	HOME
SEPT.23	CLAYTON	HOME
SEPT.30	COFFEE SPRINGS	HOME
OCT.7	SAMSON	HOME
OCT.14	WICKSBURG	AWAY
OCT.21	ARITON	AWAY
OCT.28	G.W. LONG	AWAY
NOV.4	MCKENZIE (A)	HOME

Area teams ranked in ASWA poll

The Alabama Sportswriters Association released its "Pre-Season" high school football standings last week and included among the teams making the pre-season Top 10 in the various classes were Enterprise, Greenville, Pike County, Daleville, T.R. Miller, Elba, Brantley, Georgiana, Goshen and Arton.

The poll, voted on by sports-writers from across the state, will be published weekly during the season.

The Robert E. Lee Generals hold their usual pre-season spot at the 6A ranks, while Enterprise, the team

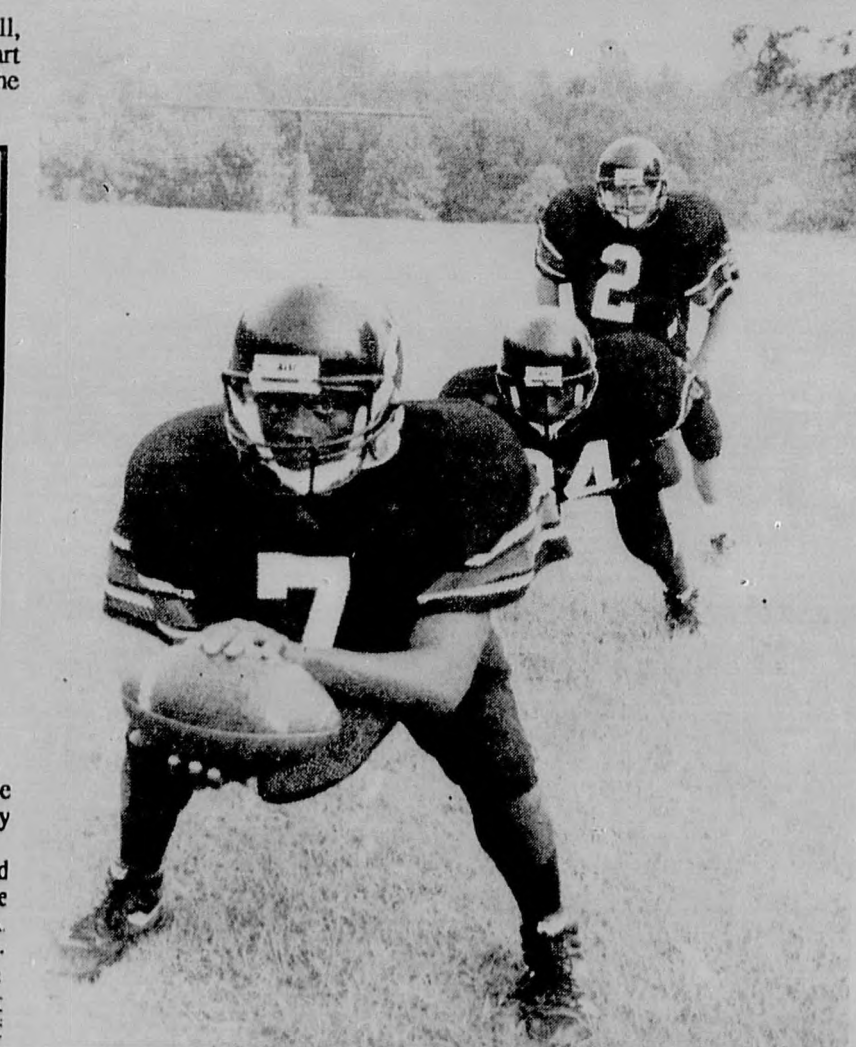
that knocked the Generals out of the playoffs last season, are highly ranked at #4.

Defending champ Oxford and 1993 runner-up Greenville are ranked 1-2 in Class 5A, while in 4A Area rivals Pike County and Daleville are listed atop the standings. T.R. Miller and W.S. Neal are also highly ranked, coming in at #4 and #6, respectively.

Defending champ Colbert County sits atop the 3A poll, with Southern Choctaw second, while Elba made the poll at #9.

In the 2A ranks Hazlewood is atop the standings, as always, while defending 1A champ Brantley, now a 2A club, is ranked 4th, Georgiana 5th and Goshen 10th.

Courtland sits atop the 1A polls, with Arton coming in high at #4.



LEADING THE REBEL OFFENSE...in the '94 season will be quarterback Elliot Liptrout (7), fullback Roy Stewart (34) and tailback Jeremy Till (2).

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NFL-Gatorade Punt, Pass, & Kick Competition to be Sept. 10

The Elba Jaycees will sponsor the NFL-Gatorade Punt, Pass, and Kick competition at Miller Memorial Stadium on Saturday, September 10, 1994 at 10:00 a.m. Entry forms will be available at area schools beginning Wednesday, August 31, 1994. This program is presented to boys and girls, ages 8-15.

***** NOTICE *****

The Peoples Bank will be closed on Monday, September 5, to allow our employees to join you in celebrating the Labor Day Holiday

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Varsity Cheerleader Camp



Pictured above (l-r) are: First Row - Nicole Stokes and Sabrina Stokes; Second Row - Amanda Wise, Donna Windham, and Betty Coale; Third Row - Susan Bryan, Wyndi Rugg, Heather Davis, and Angela Johnson.

by Betty Coale

The 1994-95 Zion Chapel Varsity Cheerleaders Association (NCA) Camp in Panama City, Florida. The camp was held at the Gulf Coast Community College, Nicole Stokes, Donna Windham, Betty Coale, Susan Bryan, Sabrina Stokes, Angela Johnson, Amanda Wise, Heather Davis, and Wyndi Rugg were the cheerleaders who attended. The cheerleaders were taught cheers, chants,



Alabama Girls' State 1994

by Samella Green

I, Samella Green, was chosen to attend the 1994 American Legion Auxiliary Alabama Girls' State held June 17-22 at Huntingdon College in Montgomery, Alabama. Girls from all over the state of Alabama came to establish and run their own government for one week. Eleven cities and three counties were formed. City, County, and State officials were elected. Party Caucuses were held for the Nationalist and Federalist parties. Several bills written by citizens of Girls State were passed during the Legislative Sessions held throughout the week.

I was a citizen of Bedford City which was part of Doss County. I was elected State Representative for Doss County in the Primary Election and was a State Representative Candidate for the Federalist Party in the General Election. The week provided learning experiences including "LONG" but interesting speeches. Among the many speakers were Dr. Natalie Davis, Alabama National Committee woman for the Democratic Party; Mrs. Martha Foy, Alabama National Committee woman for the Republican Party; Emory Folmar, Mayor of the City of Montgomery; Mrs. Emory Folmar, Montgomery's First Lady; William Joseph, Montgomery County Commissioner; Sharon Yates, Associate Justice of the Court of Civil Appeals; Ellen Brooks, Montgomery County District Attorney; James S. Clark, Speaker of the Alabama House of Representatives; Jimmy Evans, Attorney General; Sonny Hornsby, Chief Justice of the Alabama Supreme Court; Ms. Ann Biedole, and Ms. Eva Newman.

Fun-filled activities including a coke party, skit night, a City Inauguration, a State Inauguration, and a formal ball were provided to take our minds off being "homies." On Friday, we visited the Governor's Mansion where each girl received a certificate signed by Governor Jim Folsom Jr., making us Honorary Alabama Colonels. We also went to the State Capitol where I visited the Office of Minority Affairs and was taken on a tour of the Statehouse. Boys State and Girls State met and had lunch on the Capitol steps following the tour.

Commencement exercises were held Friday evenings. Each girl received a diploma and an official Alabama Girls' State pin. I would like to extend a special "thank you" to SouthTrust Bank of Elba and Oliver Post #40 of Elba for giving me an opportunity to meet new friends and learn many new things. It will definitely be an experience I will never forget.

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Five Attend FFA Convention



Pictured above (l-r) are: Wyndi Rugg, Angie Jinright, and Joe Carney.

by Amber Wilson

Zion Chapel Future Farmers of America (FFA) had five representatives to attend the 1994 Alabama State FFA Convention, Sponsor Mr. John McCrory, Mrs. Lori McCrory, President Joe Carney, Treasurer Wyndi Rugg, and member Angie Jinright attended. The convention was held June 7-9 at the Montgomery Civic Center. The objective of the convention was to help gain leadership skills, learn to cooperate with the other members of the club, and to build character. The Zion Chapel Chapter earned the Building Our American Communities (BOAC) Award, were named a Superior Chapter, and received an award for Chapter Safety. Robert Carney earned an FFA State Degree.

Coffee County Schools Menu
September 5 - 9, 1994

BREAKFAST	LUNCH
Monday - Labor Day	Monday - Steak Fingers, Chicken Wiggle, Turnips, Mashed Potatoes, Choice of Fruit, Juice Bar, Baked Cornbread, Milk
Tuesday - Honey Bun, Juice, Cereal, Milk	Tuesday - Fried Chicken, Hot Dog Toast, Syrup, Link Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Wednesday - French Toast, Syrup, Link Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Wednesday - Fried Chicken, Hot Dog Toast, Syrup, Link Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Thursday - Breakfast Pizza, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Thursday - Peppered Steak, Hoagie, Scalloped Potatoes, Butter Beans, Choice of Fruit, Banana Pudding, Milk
Friday - Biscuit & Ham, Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Friday - Pizza, Barbecue Sandwich, Corn, Apple-Cabbage Salad, Choice of Fruit, Dill Spear, Milk

More Than You Imagined



Pictured above (l-r) are: Crystal Whitt and Suzy Bryan

More Than You Imagined" was the slogan for the 1994 Yearbook South. The workshop was held in Alabama's "Magic City," Birmingham, on the campus of Sanford University. The workshop began on Sunday, July 10, and was concluded on Wednesday, July 13. S...

San Bryan and Crystal Whitt, along with yearbook advisor, Rachel Bryan, represented Zion Chapel at the annual event. On Sunday, students and advisors from all over the Southern region registered. During registration, all participants were given notebooks and were assigned to a color group. The color groups were made up of five to ten schools and each group competed against the other throughout the week. Spokesman Red Kahn talked to the students on the new trends for 1995. Sunday's activities ended with a "break and mixer" with Barbara Sandlin, a Herff Jones Representative.

Monday began with an assembly and a presentation of color trends presented by Creative Art Services. The remainder of Monday morning and afternoon was spent by students and advisors participating in various classes offered by Herff Jones Yearbooks. These classes included layout sessions, computer labs, copy writing, color usage, graphics, topography, cropping, photo editing, and more. The development was discussed in an assembly Monday night with color group "fun and frolic" follow-up.

Classes preceded again on Tuesday. Layout sessions were held Tuesday morning. In the afternoon hours, there were elective offerings on the different sections of the yearbook. The color group competitions were held on Tuesday night with a pizza party ending the day's activities.

On Monday and Tuesday, Mrs. Bryan conducted a workshop on Copy Express, a computer program designed for producing yearbook copy.

A clinic came to an end on Wednesday with an award session and a slide show of the week's activities.

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MR. SID WILL BE MISSED BY ALL OF COFFEE COUNTY

Commissioner Sid A. Averett gone but not forgotten

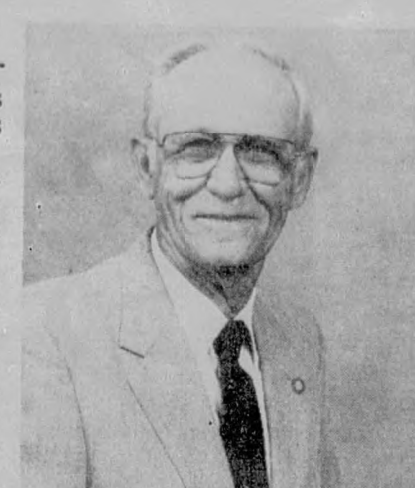
by Marvin McLWain
Editor

"You might not have always agreed with him, but you always knew where he stood on things!" This comment was heard more than one time soon after the passing of Coffee County Commissioner Sid Averett.

Averett, who had served on the county commission since January 1985, lost a long battle against failing health. He died at his home in Enterprise on Wednesday, August 31, 1994. Averett was 70 years old.

While serving on the commission, Averett realized a longtime dream of having one facility housing all the county health offices.

Soon after the 1990 flood, a new health department facility was constructed just west of Enterprise. The building was named in honor of



SID A. AVERETT

Averett who worked long and hard in securing the funding for the new

building. During the last commission meetings attended by Averett, he was once again working on seeing a dream come true - an adult day care center in Enterprise. Although he wasn't present when approval was given by commissioners to proceed with the project, it is for certain that he knew about the decision.

In June, Averett suffered a stroke and was in a Dothan hospital for several weeks. During his stay in the hospital, he learned that his cancer had returned. Averett had suffered from cancer in the past, but it had been in remission.

According to friends and family members, "Mr. Sid," as he was called by many who knew him, never gave up. As long as he was conscious, he was always in good spirits and wanted everyone else to be too. Those who knew Averett well

would tell you that he was a man who would fight and fight hard for the things he wanted to see accomplished. But, he always did it with a smile and never held a grudge.

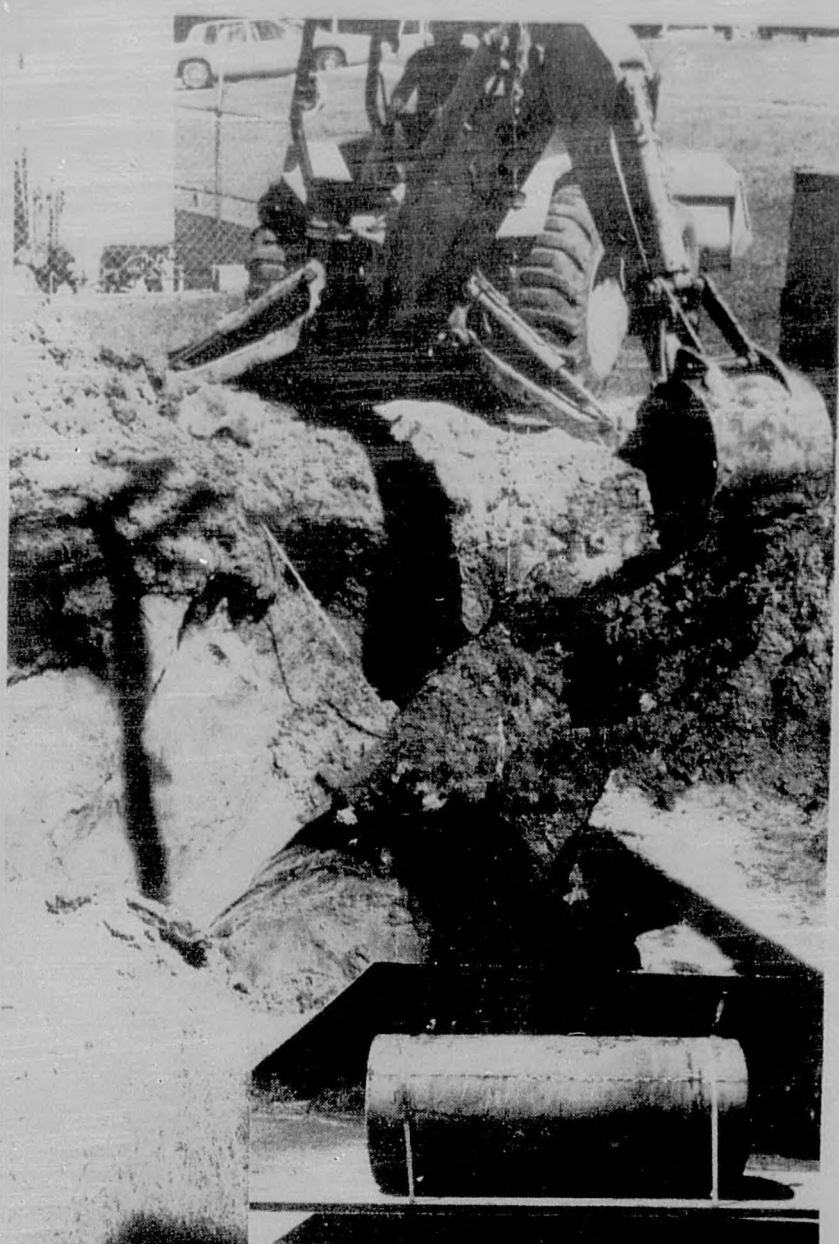
Commissioner Clerk Wilson Mobley was quoted as saying, "You always knew where you stood with Mr. Sid."

You could agree or disagree with him, but he still got out to lunch with him."

Coffee County Commission Chairman Lawrence Creel stated that not only the commission would miss Averett but that he would be missed by the whole county.

Averett took pride in the fact that he always tried to keep the best interest of his people in mind when representing his district.

Averett's funeral was held last Friday at 4:00 p.m. in Enterprise, AL.



LOOK WHAT WE FOUND...During recent construction at Elba General Hospital, a couple of surprises were discovered underground. Two tanks, one having a capacity of 500 gallons and the other 5,000 gallons, were found and no one knew that they were there. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, the tanks either had to be tested and maintained or removed. Hospital authorities received permission from the EPA to fill the small tank with sand (after making certain no chemicals remained in the tank) and to remove the large one. Pictured above are workers from Southfield Environmental Company of Ozark, digging up the larger tank after pumping out the diesel fuel and water. The inset is the tank after it was loaded on a trailer to be taken away. No one knows why the tanks were at the hospital.

SIMMONS WILL NOT HEAD THE CITY'S STREET DEPARTMENT

James Simmons settles lawsuit with City of Elba

by Fernin Cox
Publisher

Former Street Superintendent James Simmons has officially returned to work with the City of Elba,

officially ending his federal lawsuit. He returns with a \$60,000 cash settlement, restoring of benefits and instructions from a federal judge that city officials not interfere with his performing his duties.

Simmons will not return as head of the street department, but as Assistant Superintendent. He said this week that he has no problem with this and is happy to give up the responsibilities of being superintendent.

He will draw the same pay he was receiving as head of the department "along with any promotions and pay raises he might have been due."

As with the recent settlement of Recreation Director Ricky Mularz's case, all official records are shown only that Simmons was on administrative leave "for the benefit of the City."

Also mirroring the Mularz settlement, Simmons will get his money in four payments of \$15,000 each. The final payment is due January 19, 1995.

Simmons was fired last October by Elba Mayor Ricky Haywood and filed a wrongful firing lawsuit in federal court shortly afterwards, as he had earlier court orders terminating by the mayor.

As in the other two cases, out of court settlement of the multi-million dollar wrongful firing suit was recommended by attorneys representing the City.

Even though the lawsuit is over, Simmons will not be seen working on the streets or operating any city-owned equipment in the near future.

Several months ago Mr. Simmons underwent back surgery for injuries he said happened before he was fired. He has not been released by his doctors and his next medical appointment is not until September 26. He said at that time the medical experts will release him to return to work if his back has properly healed.

Mr. Simmons said it is best for both him and the City of Elba that he not return to work until his back has healed.

The Elba City Council held a special meeting on Wednesday, August 31.

The only item on the agenda was a request from Police Chief Jack Parker that the council solicit bids on two new police cars.

These new cars will be purchased with the drug money Elba received from assisting State Trooper Ronnie Whitworth with a 1/2 million dollar drug bust in 1993.

Council members were told that 1995 police cars would cost at least \$3,000 more than the official bid price on 1994 cars.

The council voted to request bids on both 1994 and 1995 cars, hoping someone still had two of the '94 models.

Council members Bill Brunson and Brad Wilson were not at this special meeting.

Stabbing in Elba results in one man's arrest and another seriously injured

by Marvin McLWain
Editor

The Elba Police Department arrested an Elba man last Friday, September 2, in connection to a stabbing which occurred on Wednesday evening, August 31.

According to Investigator Ronnie Davis spokesperson for the Elba Police Department, Grady "Buster" Grantham, 49, of 1081 Teresa Street in Elba has been arrested and charged with assault in the first degree. He was taken into custody upon his release from Elba General Hospital.

His arrest came as a result of an altercation with his step-daughter's husband, Chris Danley, age 22. Grantham is accused of stabbing Danley in the arm during an argument and fight which occurred at the Grantham residence located on Teresa Street.

Danley was taken to Elba General Hospital and later airlifted by a M.A.S.T. Helicopter to Southeast Alabama Medical Center in Dothan.

When he was stabbed, the knife severed an artery in his left arm and emergency surgery was required to repair the damage.

Danley was discharged from S.E.A.M.C. last Friday. According to reports, he will still require extensive physical therapy during his recovery period.

Grantham, who was reportedly hit by Danley, was treated for a cut over his left eye and admitted for observation at E.G.H.

Danley's wife, Cricket Flowers Grantham, age 18, who is eight months pregnant, also received emergency treatment at E.G.H. She was thought to be in premature labor, after reportedly being struck in the stomach during the altercation.

The expectant mother went to Medical Center Enterprise where she was checked by an obstetrician and later released.

Grantham was placed in the Coffee County Jail where he was later released on a \$15,000 bond.

* * HAPPENINGS * *

FRIDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL. Elba vs T.R. Miller at Elba; Zion Chapel vs Kinston in Kinston; New Brockton plays at home against G. W. Long; and Brantley travels to Red Level. Starting time for all games is 7:30 p.m.

REPUBLICANS OPEN HEADQUARTERS. Today, local Republican candidates will hold a grand opening of their official campaign headquarters located in the Enterprise Shopping Center just off U.S. Hwy. 84 in Enterprise. The ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled for 10 a.m. The headquarters will offer citizens a central location in which contact with local candidates will be both accessible and convenient.

NEW BROCKTON TOWN COUNCIL MEETS. The New Brockton Town Council will hold its regular monthly meeting on Monday, September 12, 1994 at 7:00 p.m. in city hall.

BUCKLE UP - YOURSELF & CHILDREN. During the month of September, the Elba Police Department will be emphasizing the use of child restraints and seat belts. According to the law, the use of child restraints and seat belts is required for children under the age of six must be secured in an approved car seat or safety restraining device while riding in a vehicle. Children over the age of six years, as well as adults, must have their seat belts fastened while riding in an automobile, van or truck. Tickets will be written for failing to do so. Fines could be in excess of \$100.

GOVERNOR'S HOTLINE. Gov. Jim Folsom has set up a hotline in his office as a service to Alabama residents. Callers can make requests, comments or learn what state agencies might be able to help with a specific problem. The toll free number is 1-800-891-4217 and will be staffed from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

MORE THAN \$250,000 RECEIVED BY SEVEN AGENCIES

County agencies receive FEMA checks

Last week, more than a quarter-of-a-million dollars was received by the county government, local municipalities, school systems, and water boards.

The funds were from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and are to be used in repairing the damage caused by the July 1994 flood.

Immediately upon receiving the funds, Roy McCarroll, who is presently working as a coordinator with the Coffee County Emergency Management Agency, began hand delivering the checks.

Those agencies receiving the money were as follows: Elba City Schools - \$5,346.00; and Elba Water & Electric Board - \$25,272.00.

The Enterprise Board of Educa-

tion got a check for \$2,583.00; the Town of New Brockton - \$2,139.00; and the New Hope Water System received \$5,576.00.

Coffee County received a check for \$226,544.00 while the Goodman Water Authority got \$20,342.00.

The seven agencies within the county received a grand total of \$287,802.00.

No funds for the cities of Enterprise or Elba have yet been received but according to McCarroll it is just a matter of time.

The funds received last week were for 75% of the estimated damages turned in by the different agencies. An additional 10% should be forth coming from the state.

In handing out the checks personally, McCarroll said, "I figured these

Coffee County Sheriff's Department seeking help in solving burglaries

The Coffee County Sheriff's Department is seeking information that will lead to the arrest and conviction of person or persons involved in two burglaries of the Old Stephens Store.

The store is located in the Damascus Community on Coffee County

Road 547 just off AL. Hwy. 87 south of Elba.

According to Coffee County Sheriff Mickey Counts, the store was first burglarized on Friday, August 5, 1994 and again on Friday, September 2, 1994.

In both incidents, large amounts of cigarettes and tobacco products were taken along with money (mostly quarters), ammunition, and assorted candy products. In the first burglary, various tools were also taken in addition to the above items.

Anyone having any information about either of these burglaries is asked to contact the Coffee County Sheriff's Office at 894-5535, Crimestoppers at 897-3881 or 347-7867, or any local police agency.

ing an Aug. 15 assault and robbery. Anyone having any information in this case should contact the Opp Police Department at 493-4511.

Mr. Wilson was the father of Chris Head, wife of District Judge Thomas Head of Elba.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Enterprise State Junior College (ESJC) has a new president. Last Thursday, Dr. Fred Gainsou, Chancellor of Alabama Post-Secondary Education, announced the appointment of Dr. Stafford L. Thompson as interim president of ESJC. He will serve in that capacity until a permanent president is selected. The appointment sparked some controversy locally. Dwight Adams, candidate for the State Senate District 31, publicly requested the resignation of Dr. Thompson. Adams maintains that the selection process in choosing the president was not handled in a fair manner and excluded many qualified candidates from applying for the position.

You can run, but you can't hide! A former Elba resident, who was wanted by law enforcement officers, was captured on Sept. 1, in New Carrollton, MD. Willie Tyson, 40, was arrested by Maryland authorities after information was received by Elba police of his location. Tyson is wanted on charges of forgery in the 2nd degree and possession of a forged instrument in the 2nd degree. He also owes in excess of \$33,500 in back child support. If Tyson waives extradition, he should be returned to Elba within the week. If he fights the extradition, it will take longer. Tyson was reportedly teaching at a Maryland school when arrested.

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